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The Committee responds to the August 15, 2017, RFAI, with a response due September 19, 2017, as follows:

Form 1M has been amended to reflect the correct qualification date when the Committee met all the multicandidate certification requirements. However, the Commission incorrectly asserts that the Committee improperly disclosed a registration date of 5/3/13. The Committee properly disclosed a submission date of 5/3/13 because that is what was asked of the Committee.

Form 1M, last revised January 2001, line 5(c) asks for the date the Committee's FEC Form 1 was submitted, not registered. The Form 1M Instructions, last revised January 2004, state that on line 5(c) a committee must "enter the date on which the committee's Statement of Organization (FEC FORM 1) was submitted." The Campaign Guide for Nonconnected Committees, last revised May 2008, includes a picture of Form 1M on page 8, which also indicates the Commission is asking for the date the committee submitted FEC FORM 1. Per all available instructions, the Committee submitted its Form 1 on 5/3/2013 as indicated in the date box on the form (<http://docquery.fec.gov/pdf/917/13031070917/13031070917.pdf>).

The FEC Envelope Replacement Page that was uploaded with the Committee's Form 1 indicates that the Form was postmarked on 5/4/13 via USPS First Class Mail. (<http://docquery.fec.gov/pdf/917/13031070917/13031070917.pdf>).

If the Commission wishes to amend the various forms and instructions to request the date on which a Committee was registered, it should undertake that process, including revising its sixteen-year-old Form 1M, thirteen-year-old Form 1M Instructions, and nine-year-old Campaign Guide for Nonconnected Committees accordingly.

Until then, the Committee properly reported the date of its submission as 5/3/2013.