



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
Washington DC 20463

THIS IS THE BEGINNING OF ADMINISTRATIVE FINE CASE # 1444

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

March 30, 2006

MEMORANDUM

TO: THE COMMISSION

THROUGH: ROBERT J. COSTA
ACTING STAFF DIRECTOR

FROM: JOHN D. GIBSON *JDG*
ASSISTANT STAFF DIRECTOR
REPORTS ANALYSIS DIVISION

SUBJECT: REASON TO BELIEVE RECOMMENDATION -
2005 YEAR END REPORT
FOR THE ADMINISTRATIVE FINES PROGRAM

Attached is a list of political committees and their treasurers who failed to file, or failed to timely file, the 2005 Year End Report in accordance with 2 U.S.C. 434(a). On December 28, 2005, Prior Notice was sent to the political committees and their treasurers, informing them that the Year End Report was due on January 31, 2006. The report should have covered the period ending on December 31, 2005.

The committees listed in the attached RTB Circulation Report either failed to file the report or filed the report more than five (5) days after the due date. In accordance with the schedule of civil money penalties located within 11 CFR §111.43, these committees should be assessed the civil money penalties highlighted on the report attached.

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Recommendation

- (1) Find reason to believe that the political committees and their treasurers listed on the RTB Circulation Report violated 2 U.S.C. 434(a) and make a preliminary determination that the civil money penalties would be the amounts indicated on the RTB Circulation Report.
- (2) Send the appropriate mailgrams.

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION 2005-2006
Reason to Believe Circulation Report
2005 YEAR-END

AF #	COMMITTEE NAME	STATE	CANDIDATE NAME	SENSITIVE	PREVIOUS VIOLATIONS	CIVIL MONEY PENALTY
COMMITTEE ID	TREASURER	THRESHOLD AMOUNT	NO	NO		
RECEIPT DATE	DAYS LATE	LEVEL OF ACTIVITY				
AF01442	GARY DODDS FOR CONGRESS	NH	DODDS, GARY B	0		\$1,050
C00413997	FRANK G MEANOR JR					
02/10/2006	10	\$74,607				
AF01441	FRIENDS OF SHEELER	RI	SHEELER, CARL L	0		\$3,400
C00416354	SARA L SHEELER					
02/07/2006	7	\$351,363				
AF01440	CANNON FOR CONGRESS	UT	CANNON, CHRISTOPHER B	0		\$2,150
C00344705	Gilbert, Lynn					
02/09/2006	9	\$195,978				
AF01438	AMERICAN GAMING ASSOCIATION POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE	DC		0		\$2,600
C00309146	JUDY PATTERSON					
02/22/2006	22	\$97,900				
AF01439	BI-COUNTY POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE (FKA SUFFOLK PAC)	NY		0		\$1,700
C00204388	TIRA LAMEL					
02/13/2006	13	\$95,688				
AF01443	OPERATING ENGINEERS LOCAL 12 VOLUNTARY LEGISLATIVE FUND	CA		0		\$2,700
C00219568	STEVE BILLY					
02/06/2006	6	\$268,327				
AF01444	PIPEFITTERS LOCAL UNION NO 274 POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE	NJ		0		\$1,200
C00190991	JOHN WENDE					
02/08/2006	8	\$99,017				
AF01445	PIPEFITTERS & PIPEFITTERS LOCAL NO 9 POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE	NJ		0		\$3,100
C00155440	MALONEY, MICHAEL					
02/08/2006	8	\$331,736				

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION 2005-2006
Reason to Believe Circulation Report
2005 YEAR-END

AF #	COMMITTEE NAME	COMMITTEE ID	TREASURER	RECEIPT DATE	DAYS LATE	LEVEL OF ACTIVITY	THRESHOLD AMOUNT	STATE	CANDIDATE NAME	SENSITIVE	PREVIOUS VIOLATIONS	CIVIL MONEY PENALTY
AF01446	PLUMBERS LOCAL 14 P A C FUND	C00191213	BOYCE, ERIC	02/08/2006	8	\$156,013	\$289,734	NJ		No	0	\$2,000
AF01447	PLUMBERS LOCAL 24 POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE	C00252056	MARK MCMANUS	02/08/2006	8	\$117,706	\$210,626	NJ		No	0	\$1,600
AF01451	REGIONS FINANCIAL CORPORATION COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS	C00179473	Sawyer, Chris	Not Filed		\$176,549 (est)	\$529,649	AL		No	0	\$5,500
AF01450	MONROE COUNTY DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE	C00376384	KAY SISUNG	Not Filed		\$183,121 (est)	\$1,464,975	MI		No	1	\$6,875



MEMORANDUM

TO: OFFICE OF THE COMMISSION SECRETARY
FROM: STAFF DIRECTOR
DATE: March 30, 2006
SUBJECT: Administrative Fine – Reason to Believe for the 2005 Year End Report

COMMISSION MEETINGS

The attached document is submitted for:

- Open Meeting _____
(insert date)
- Executive Session _____
(insert date)

CIRCULATION

- 24-Hour Tally Vote
 - Sensitive
 - Non-Sensitive
- 72-Hour Tally Vote
 - Sensitive
 - Non-Sensitive
- 24-Hour No Objection
 - Sensitive
 - Non-Sensitive
 - Personnel
- Information
 - Sensitive
 - Non-Sensitive

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 - Release Immediately
 - Hold Until _____

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BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

In the Matter of)
)
Reason To Believe Recommendation - 2005)
Year End Report for the Administrative)
Fines Program:)
GARY DODDS FOR CONGRESS, and) AF# 1442
FRANK G MEANOR JR as treasurer;)

FRIENDS OF SHEELER, and SARA L) AF# 1441
SHEELER as treasurer;)
CANNON FOR CONGRESS, and Gilbert,) AF# 1440
Lynn as treasurer;)
AMERICAN GAMING ASSOCIATION) AF# 1438
POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE, and)
JUDY PATTERSON as treasurer;)
BI-COUNTY POLITICAL ACTION) AF# 1439
COMMITTEE (FKA SUFFOLK PAC), and)
IRA LAMEL as treasurer;)
OPERATING ENGINEERS LOCAL 12) AF# 1443
VOLUNTARY LEGISLATIVE FUND, and)
STEVE BILLY as treasurer;)
PIPEFITTERS LOCAL UNION NO 274) AF# 1444
POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE, and)
JOHN WENDE as treasurer;)
PLUMBERS & PIPEFITTERS LOCAL NO) AF# 1445
9 POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE,)
and MALONEY, MICHAEL as treasurer;)
PLUMBERS LOCAL 14 P A C FUND, and) AF# 1446
BOYCE, ERIC as treasurer;)
PLUMBERS LOCAL 24 POLITICAL) AF# 1447
ACTION COMMITTEE, and MARK)
MCMANUS as treasurer;)
REGIONS FINANCIAL CORPORATION) AF# 1451
COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT)
AFFAIRS, and Sawyer, Chris as treasurer;)
MONROE COUNTY DEMOCRATIC) AF# 1450
COMMITTEE, and KAY SISUNG as)
treasurer;

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CERTIFICATION

I, Mary W. Dove, Secretary of the Federal Election Commission, do hereby certify that on April 04, 2006 the Commission took the following actions on the Reason To Believe Recommendation - 2005 Year End Report for the Administrative Fines Program as recommended in the Reports Analysis Division's Memorandum dated March 30, 2006, on the following committees:

AF#1442 Decided by a vote of 6-0 to: (1) find reason to believe that GARY DODDS FOR CONGRESS, and FRANK G MEANOR JR as treasurer violated 2 U.S.C. 434(a) and make a preliminary determination that the civil money penalty would be the amount indicated on the report; (2) send the appropriate mailgram. Commissioners Lenhard, Mason, Toner, von Spakovsky, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

AF#1441 Decided by a vote of 6-0 to: (1) find reason to believe that FRIENDS OF SHEELER, and SARA L SHEELER as treasurer violated 2 U.S.C. 434(a) and make a preliminary determination that the civil money penalty would be the amount indicated on the report; (2) send the appropriate mailgram. Commissioners Lenhard, Mason, Toner, von Spakovsky, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

AF#1440 Decided by a vote of 6-0 to: (1) find reason to believe that CANNON FOR CONGRESS, and Gilbert, Lynn as treasurer violated 2 U.S.C. 434(a) and make a preliminary determination that the civil money penalty would be the amount indicated on the report; (2) send the appropriate mailgram. Commissioners Lenhard, Mason, Toner, von Spakovsky, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

AF#1438 Decided by a vote of 6-0 to: (1) find reason to believe that AMERICAN GAMING ASSOCIATION POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE, and JUDY PATTERSON as treasurer violated 2 U.S.C. 434(a) and make a preliminary determination that the civil money penalty would be the amount indicated on the report;

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(2) send the appropriate mailgram. Commissioners Lenhard, Mason, Toner, von Spakovsky, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

AF#1439 Decided by a vote of 6-0 to: (1) find reason to believe that BI-COUNTY POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE (FKA SUFFOLK PAC), and IRA LAMEL as treasurer violated 2 U.S.C. 434(a) and make a preliminary determination that the civil money penalty would be the amount indicated on the report; (2) send the appropriate mailgram. Commissioners Lenhard, Mason, Toner, von Spakovsky, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

AF#1443 Decided by a vote of 6-0 to: (1) find reason to believe that OPERATING ENGINEERS LOCAL 12 VOLUNTARY LEGISLATIVE FUND, and STEVE BILLY as treasurer violated 2 U.S.C. 434(a) and make a preliminary determination that the civil money penalty would be the amount indicated on the report; (2) send the appropriate mailgram. Commissioners Lenhard, Mason, Toner, von Spakovsky, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

AF#1444 Decided by a vote of 6-0 to: (1) find reason to believe that PIPEFITTERS LOCAL UNION NO 274 POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE, and JOHN WENDE as treasurer violated 2 U.S.C. 434(a) and make a preliminary determination that the civil money penalty would be the amount indicated on the report; (2) send the appropriate mailgram. Commissioners Lenhard, Mason, Toner, von Spakovsky, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

AF#1445 Decided by a vote of 6-0 to: (1) find reason to believe that PLUMBERS & PIPEFITTERS LOCAL NO 9 POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE, and MALONEY, MICHAEL as treasurer violated 2 U.S.C. 434(a) and make a preliminary determination that the civil money penalty would be the amount indicated on the report; (2) send the appropriate mailgram. Commissioners Lenhard, Mason, Toner, von Spakovsky, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

AF#1446 Decided by a vote of 6-0 to: (1) find reason to believe that PLUMBERS LOCAL 14 P A C FUND, and BOYCE, ERIC as treasurer violated 2 U.S.C. 434(a) and make a preliminary determination that the civil money penalty would be the amount indicated on the report; (2) send the appropriate mailgram. Commissioners Lenhard, Mason, Toner, von Spakovsky, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

AF#1447 Decided by a vote of 6-0 to: (1) find reason to believe that PLUMBERS LOCAL 24 POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE, and MARK MCMANUS as treasurer violated 2 U.S.C. 434(a) and make a preliminary determination that the civil money penalty would be the amount indicated on the report; (2) send the appropriate mailgram. Commissioners Lenhard, Mason, Toner, von Spakovsky, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

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AF#1451 Decided by a vote of 6-0 to: (1) find reason to believe that REGIONS FINANCIAL CORPORATION COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS, and Sawyer, Chris as treasurer violated 2 U.S.C. 434(a) and make a preliminary determination that the civil money penalty would be the amount indicated on the report; (2) send the appropriate mailgram. Commissioners Lenhard, Mason, Toner, von Spakovsky, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

AF#1450 Decided by a vote of 6-0 to: (1) find reason to believe that MONROE COUNTY DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE, and KAY SISUNG as treasurer violated 2 U.S.C. 434(a) and make a preliminary determination that the civil money penalty would be the amount indicated on the report; (2) send the appropriate mailgram. Commissioners Lenhard, Mason, Toner, von Spakovsky, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

Attest:

April 4, 2006
Date

Mary W. Dove
Mary W. Dove
Secretary of the Commission

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

April 6, 2006

John Wende
Pipefitters Local Union No 274 Political Action Committee
1000 Hendricks Causeway
Ridgefield, NJ 07657

C00190991
AF#: 1444

Dear John Wende:

The Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended ("the Act"), requires that your committee file a Year End Report of Receipts and Disbursements every calendar year. This report, covering the period through December 31st, shall be filed no later than January 31st. 2 U.S.C. 434(a). You were previously notified of the due date for this report. Records at the Federal Election Commission ("FEC") indicate that this report was filed on 2/8/2006, 8 days late.

The Act was further amended in 1999 to permit the FEC to impose civil money penalties for violations of the reporting requirements of 2 U.S.C. 434(a). 2 U.S.C. 437g(a)(4). On 4/4/2006, the FEC found that there is reason to believe ("RTB") that Pipefitters Local Union No 274 Political Action Committee and you, as treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. 434(a) by failing to file timely this report on or before January 31st. Based on the FEC's schedules of civil money penalties at 11 C.F.R. 111.43, the amount of your civil money penalty calculated at the RTB stage is \$1200. It is due by 5/14/2006 and is based on these factors:

Election Sensitivity of Report: Not Election Sensitive
Level of Activity: \$ 99017
Number of Days Late: 8
Number of Previous Civil Money Penalties Assessed: 0

To Pay the Calculated Civil Money Penalty

To pay the calculated civil money penalty, send the enclosed remittance and your payment to the FEC at the address on page 3. Upon receipt of your payment, the FEC will send you a final determination letter.

To Challenge the RTB Finding and/or Calculated Civil Money Penalty

To challenge the RTB finding and/or calculated civil money penalty, you must submit a written response, including the AF# found on page one, to the FEC's Office of Administrative Review, 999 E Street, NW, Washington, DC 20463. Your response must be received by 5/14/2006. Your written response must include the reason(s) why you are challenging the RTB finding and/or calculated civil money penalty. The FEC will only consider challenges that are based on a factual error, miscalculation of the calculated civil money penalty by the FEC, or the existence of extraordinary circumstances that persisted for more than 48 hours that were beyond

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your control and prevented you from filing the report in a timely manner. Your response must include the factual basis supporting the reason(s) and supporting documentation. The FEC strongly encourages that documents be submitted in the form of affidavits or declarations. Examples of circumstances that will not be considered extraordinary include, but are not limited to, negligence, problems with vendors or contractors, staff illness, computer failures and similar circumstances. 11 C.F.R. 111.35(b)(1)(iii) and (4).

Your failure to raise an argument in a timely fashion during the administrative process shall be deemed a waiver of your right to present such argument in a petition to the district court under 2 U.S.C. 437g. 11 C.F.R. 111.38.

If you intend to be represented by counsel, please advise the Office of Administrative Review. You should provide, in writing, the name, address and telephone number of your counsel and authorize counsel to receive notifications and communications relating to this challenge and imposition of the calculated civil money penalty.

If You Do Not Pay The Calculated Civil Money Penalty or Submit a Challenge

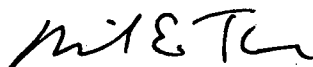
If you do not pay the calculated civil money penalty or submit a written response, the FEC will assume that the preceding factual allegations are true and make a final determination that Pipefitters Local Union No 274 Political Action Committee and you, as treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. 434(a) and assess a civil money penalty.

Unpaid civil money penalties assessed through the Administrative Fine regulations will be subject to the Debt Collection Act of 1982("DCA") as amended by the Debt Collection Improvement Act of 1996, 31 U.S.C. 3701 et seq. The FEC may take any and all appropriate action authorized and required by the DCA, as amended, including transfer to the U.S. Department of the Treasury for collection. 11 C.F.R. 111.45.

This matter was generated based on information ascertained by the FEC in the normal course of carrying out its supervisory responsibilities. 2 U.S.C. 437g(a)(2). It will remain confidential in accordance with 2 U.S.C. 437g(a)(4)(B) and 437g(a)(12)(A) until it is placed on the public record in accordance with 11 C.F.R. 111.42, unless you notify the FEC in writing that you wish the matter to be made public.

Additional information on the FEC's administrative fine program, including the final regulations, is located at the FEC's website at www.FEC.gov. If you have questions regarding the payment of the calculated civil money penalty, please contact Elizabeth Goings in the Reports Analysis Division at our toll free number (800)424-9530 (at the prompt press 5) or (202)694-1130. If you have questions regarding the submission of a challenge, please contact the Office of Administrative Review at our toll free number (800)424-9530 (press 0, then ext. 1660) or (202)694-1660.

Sincerely,



Michael E. Toner
Chairman

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ADMINISTRATIVE FINE REMITTANCE & PAYMENT INSTRUCTIONS

In accordance with the schedule of penalties at 11 C.F.R. 111.43, the amount of your civil money penalty calculated at RTB is \$1200 for the 2005 Year-End Report.

Please mail this remittance with a check or money order made payable to the Federal Election Commission to the following address:

Federal Election Commission
P.O. Box 979058
St. Louis, MO 63197-9000

If you choose to send your remittance and payment by courier or overnight delivery, please use this address:

U.S. Bank - Government Lockbox
FEC #979058
1005 Convention Plaza
Attn: Government Lockbox, SL-MO-C2GL
St. Louis, MO 63101

The remittance and your payment are due by 5/14/2006. Upon receipt of your remittance and payment, the FEC will send you a final determination letter.

PAYMENTS BY PERSONAL CHECK

Personal checks will be converted into electronic funds transfers (EFTS). Your account will be electronically debited for the amount on your check, usually within 24 hours, and the debit will appear on your regular statement. We will destroy your original check and keep a copy of it. In case the EFT cannot be processed for technical reasons, you authorize us to process the copy in lieu of the original check. Should the EFT not be completed because of insufficient funds, we may try to make the transfer twice.

PLEASE DETACH AND RETURN THE PORTION BELOW WITH YOUR PAYMENT

FOR: Pipefitters Local Union No 274 Political Action Committee

FEC ID#: C00190991

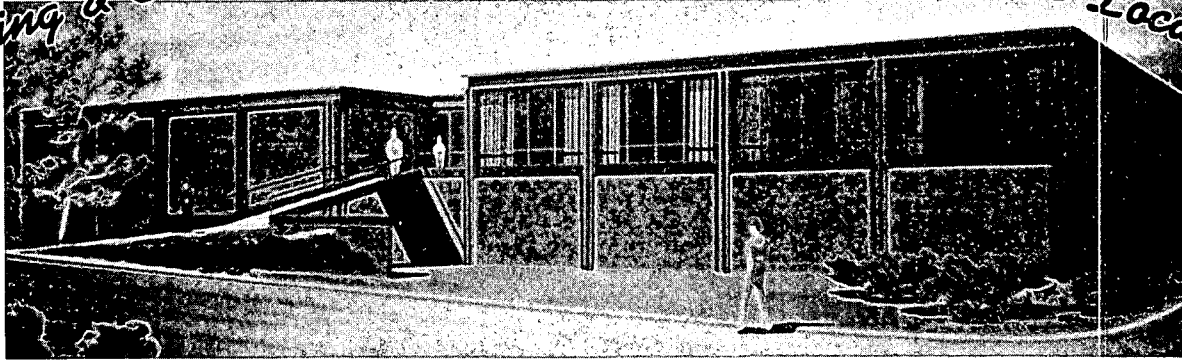
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PAYMENT DUE DATE: 5/14/2006

PAYMENT AMOUNT DUE: \$ 1200

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Building & Construction and Metal Trades Divisions Local 274



United Association of Journeymen and Apprentices of the Plumbing and Pipefitting Industry
1000 HENDRICKS CAUSEWAY • BOX J • RIDGEFIELD, N. J. 07657
Telephones: 943-4700 — 4701 — 4702

April 17, 2006

Federal Election Commission
Office of Administrative Review
999 E Street, NW
Washington, DC 20463

Re: Political Action Committee Local Union No. 274:
C00190991, AF#: 1444

Dear Examiner:

I am writing in response to your letter of April 6, 2006 (copy enclosed) to respectfully request abatement of the penalty pursuant to our accountant's explanation which is attached and has been separately submitted to your office.

Thank you for your anticipated understanding.

Sincerely yours,

JOHN WENDE
Business Manager

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Encl.

cc. Mr. David A. Gerson, CPA

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April 17, 2006

Federal Election Commission
Office of Administrative Review
999 E Street, NW
Washington, DC 20463

Re: Political Action Committee Local Union No.s:
9 - C00155440, AF#: 1445
14 - C00191213, AF#: 1446
24 - C00252056, AF#: 1447
274 - C00190991, AF#: 1444

Dear Examiner:

We are accountants for the above referenced PACs and have been preparing their required FEC Forms 3X for many years. We are responding to your letters of April 6, 2006 which is assessing penalties for late filing of the December 31, 2005 FEC 3X Forms (copies of the letters are enclosed). Additionally, since the inception of the e-filing requirements we have been filing the returns from our system. We are submitting this letter as a request for abatement of the penalties you have assessed for the late filing of the December 31, 2005 FEC 3X reports.

We prepare and file the 3X Forms for these PACS at the same time for several reasons. Most importantly because they are affiliated which means that many of the contribution limitation rules apply to them in the aggregate and we need to coordinate those matters before the filings are made.

We had the returns prepared and ready for filing by the 15th of January (due date of the state return) but, had to wait for additional information so we could complete the memo entries (not required on the state forms). We had the forms completed on time but "forgot" to e-file them on January 30, 2006. We realized it a few days later and then immediately e-filed the returns.

As previously stated, we have been preparing and filing the required FEC Forms 3X for these accounts for many years. Prior to these filings, the returns have always been made on time as evidenced by the "Number of Previous Civil Money Penalties Assessed: 0" as shown on your letters for all 4 accounts.

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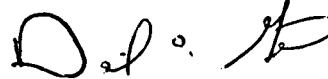
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Based on the excellent history of timely filing for our clients, we respectfully request that you abate the penalties you have assessed. Be assured that the necessary safeguards have been set in place by all 4 PAC Funds and by us to make sure that a late filing never happens again. We will continue to be diligent in the timely preparation and filing of all future returns as we have in the past.

Thank you for your anticipated understanding in this matter and for any courtesies you may extend to us and our clients.

If you have any questions or require any further information, please advise.

Sincerely yours,



DAVID A. GERSON, CPA
direct e-mail:
dgerson@optonline.net

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cc. Mr. Michael Maloney - Local 9
Mr. Eric Boyce - Local 14
Mr. Mark McManus - Local 24
Mr. John Wende - Local 274

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

Via First Class Mail

April 25, 2006

John Wende, as Treasurer
Pipefitters Local Union No. 274 Political Action Committee
1000 Hendricks Causeway
Ridgefield, New Jersey 07657

C00190991
AF# 1444

Dear Mr. Wende:

On April 24, 2006, the Commission received your written response ("challenge") and David Gerson's written response which are being reviewed by the Office of Administrative Review. If you have any questions regarding your challenge, please contact this Office on our toll free number (800)424-9530 (press 0, then ext. 1660) or (202)694-1660.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Shawn Woodhead Werth".

Shawn Woodhead Werth
Reviewing Officer
Office of Administrative Review

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Date: April 27, 2006

**REFERRAL TO OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW
CHALLENGE RECEIVED**

AF#: 1444

Committee Name: Pipefitters Local Union No. 274 PAC

Committee ID#: C00190991

Committee Address (if different than in RTB letter): N/A

Treasurer Name (if different than in RTB finding): N/A

Attachments:

Copy of RTB Circulation Report Dated March 30, 2006 (Y/PF): Y

Attachment #: 1

RTB Certification Dated April 04, 2006 (Y/PF): Y

Attachment #: 2

Certified Return Receipt (to be forwarded at later date if not yet received) -

Attachment #: 3

Original Correspondence Received by RAD in Response to

RTB Letter (Y/N): N

Attachment #: N/A

RAD Staff Declaration

-Year-End Report Notice

-RTB Letter

Attachment #: 4

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SENDER: COMPLETE THIS SECTION

- Complete items 1, 2, and 3. Also complete item 4 if Restricted Delivery is desired.
- Print your name and address on the reverse so that we can return the card to you.
- Attach this card to the back of the mailpiece, or on the front if space permits.

1. Article Addressed to:

John Wendle
 Pipefitters Local Union
 No 274 Political Action
 Committee
 1000 Hendricks Causeway
 Ridgefield, NJ 07657

2. Article Number

(Transfer from service label)

7C 7001 0360 0003 1652 1074

COMPLETE THIS SECTION ON DELIVERY

A. Signature

X *Gene Secola*

- Agent
- Addressee

B. Received by (Printed Name)

GENE SECOLA

C. Date of Delivery

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D. Is delivery address different from item 1?

Yes

If YES, enter delivery address below:

No

3. Service Type

- Certified Mail
- Express Mail
- Registered
- Return Receipt for Merchandise
- Insured Mail
- C.O.D.

4. Restricted Delivery? (Extra Fee)

Yes

DECLARATION OF PATRICIA CARMONA

1. I am the Chief of the Compliance Branch for the Reports Analysis Division of the Federal Election Commission ("Commission"). In my capacity as Chief of the Compliance Branch, I oversee the research conducted with regard to the Administrative Fine Program. I make this declaration based on my personal knowledge and, if called upon as a witness, could and would testify competently to the following matters.
2. I hereby certify that documents identified herein are true and accurate copies of the following sent by the Commission to the Pipefitters Local Union No. 274 PAC:
 - A) Prior Notice dated December 28, 2005 referencing the 2005 Year End Report.
 - B) Reason-to-Believe Letter dated April 6, 2006, referencing the 2005 Year End Report.
3. I hereby certify that I have searched the Commission's public records and find that the Pipefitters Local Union No. 274 PAC filed the Year End Report with the Commission on February 08, 2006.
4. Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 1746, I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct and there are no relevant telecoms for the case. This declaration was executed at Washington, D.C. on the 27th day of April, 2006.



Patricia Carmona
Chief, Compliance Branch
Reports Analysis Division
Federal Election Commission

YEAR-END
REPORT NOTICE

FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

PARTIES AND PACS

December 28, 2005

I. QUARTERLY FILERS

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November 17, 2006

MEMORANDUM

SENSITIVE

TO: THE COMMISSION

THROUGH: PATRINA M. CLARK *PME*
STAFF DIRECTOR

JOHN D. GIBSON *JG*
ACTING DEPUTY STAFF DIRECTOR

FROM: SHAWN WOODHEAD WERTH *SW*
REVIEWING OFFICER
OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW

SUBJECT: AF# 1444 - PIPEFITTERS LOCAL UNION NO 274 POLITICAL
ACTION COMMITTEE AND JOHN WENDE, AS TREASURER
(C00190991)

The attached Reviewing Officer Recommendation is being circulated on an informational basis. A copy was also sent to respondents in accordance with 11 C.F.R. § 111.36(f). The respondents may file with the Commission Secretary a written response within 10 days of transmittal of the recommendation.

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Attachment

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
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**REVIEWING OFFICER RECOMMENDATION
OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW ("OAR")**

AF# 1444 – Pipefitters Local Union No 274 Political Action Committee and John Wende,
as Treasurer (C00190991)

On April 4, 2006, the Federal Election Commission ("the Commission") found reason to believe ("RTB") that the respondents violated 2 U.S.C. § 434(a) for failing to timely file the 2005 Year End Report and made a preliminary determination that the civil money penalty was \$1,200 based on the schedule of penalties at 11 C.F.R. § 111.43. They were notified by the Reports Analysis Division on April 6, 2006 of the Commission's RTB finding and civil money penalty.

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On April 24, 2006, the Commission received a written response and supporting documentation ("challenge") from the Treasurer. Included is a copy of the RTB Notification and a letter from David A. Gerson, CPA, the respondents' accountant. Mr. Gerson states that "[w]e had the [reports] completed on time but 'forgot' to e-file them on January 30, 2006. We realized it a few days later and then immediately e-filed the returns."

Analysis

The Federal Election Campaign Act ("Act") states that treasurers of political committees shall file a year-end report no later than January 31. 2 U.S.C. § 434(a)(4)(A)(iv) and 11 C.F.R. § 104.5(c)(2)(B). The treasurer shall be personally responsible for the timely filing of reports. 11 C.F.R. §104.14(d). The respondents' written response shall contain the reason(s) why they are challenging the Commission's reason to believe finding and may consist of the existence of extraordinary circumstances that were beyond the control of the respondents, were for a duration of at least 48 hours and prevented them from filing the report in a timely manner. An example of a circumstance which is not considered extraordinary is problems with vendors. 11 C.F.R. § 111.35.

The issue raised in the challenge and the CPA's letter, that the respondents' accounting firm prepared but then "forgot" to file the report on time, does not meet the "extraordinary circumstances" 3-prong test. Even if someone other than the Treasurer files the reports, it is ultimately the Treasurer's responsibility to ensure that reports are filed timely.

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OAR Recommendations

- (1) Make a final determination in AF# 1444 that the Pipefitters Local Union No 274 Political Action Committee and John Wende, as Treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. § 434(a) and assess a civil money penalty of \$1,200; and
- (2) Send the appropriate letter.

Reviewing Analyst: Mary E. Seiler

Attachments

Attachment 1 - Challenge Received from Respondents

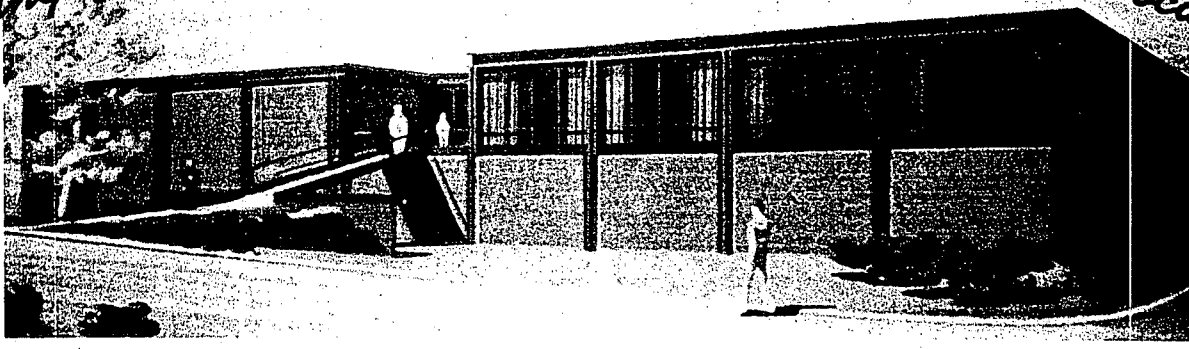
Attachment 2 - Declaration from RAD

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Building & Construction and Metal Trades Divisions Local 274

Attachment # 1
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1000 HENDRICKS CAUSEWAY • BOX J • RIDGEFIELD, N. J. 07657
Telephones: 943-4700 — 4701 — 4702

April 17, 2006

Federal Election Commission
Office of Administrative Review
999 E Street, NW
Washington, DC 20463

Re: Political Action Committee Local Union No. 274:
C00190991, AF#: 1444

Dear Examiner:

I am writing in response to your letter of April 6, 2006 (copy enclosed) to respectfully request abatement of the penalty pursuant to our accountant's explanation which is attached and has been separately submitted to your office.

Thank you for your anticipated understanding.

Sincerely yours,
John Wende
JOHN WENDE
Business Manager

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cc. Mr. David A. Gerson, CPA

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Re: Political Action Committee Local Union No.s:
9 - C00155440, AF#: 1445
14 - C00191213, AF#: 1446
24 - C00252056, AF#: 1447
274 - C00190991, AF#: 1444

Dear Examiner:

We are accountants for the above referenced PACs and have been preparing their required FEC Forms 3X for many years. We are responding to your letters of April 6, 2006 which is assessing penalties for late filing of the December 31, 2005 FEC 3X Forms (copies of the letters are enclosed). Additionally, since the inception of the e-filing requirements we have been filing the returns from our system. We are submitting this letter as a request for abatement of the penalties you have assessed for the late filing of the December 31, 2005 FEC 3X reports.

We prepare and file the 3X Forms for these PACS at the same time for several reasons. Most importantly because they are affiliated which means that many of the contribution limitation rules apply to them in the aggregate and we need to coordinate those matters before the filings are made.

We had the returns prepared and ready for filing by the 15th of January (due date of the state return) but, had to wait for additional information so we could complete the memo entries (not required on the state forms). We had the forms completed on time but "forgot" to e-file them on January 30, 2006. We realized it a few days later and then immediately e-filed the returns.

As previously stated, we have been preparing and filing the required FEC Forms 3X for these accounts for many years. Prior to these filings, the returns have always been made on time as evidenced by the "Number of Previous Civil Money Penalties Assessed: 0" as shown on your letters for all 4 accounts.

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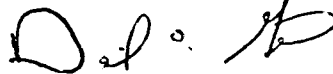
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Based on the excellent history of timely filing for our clients, we respectfully request that you abate the penalties you have assessed. Be assured that the necessary safeguards have been set in place by all 4 PAC Funds and by us to make sure that a late filing never happens again. We will continue to be diligent in the timely preparation and filing of all future returns as we have in the past.

Thank you for your anticipated understanding in this matter and for any courtesies you may extend to us and our clients.

If you have any questions or require any further information, please advise.

Sincerely yours,



DAVID A. GERSON, CPA
direct e-mail:
dgerson@optonline.net

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cc. Mr. Michael Maloney - Local 9
Mr. Eric Boyce - Local 14
Mr. Mark McManus - Local 24
Mr. John Wende - Local 274

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
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April 6, 2006

John Wende
Pipefitters Local Union No 274 Political Action Committee
1000 Hendricks Causeway
Ridgefield, NJ 07657

C00190991
AF#: 1444

Dear John Wende:

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The Act was further amended in 1999 to permit the FEC to impose civil money penalties for violations of the reporting requirements of 2 U.S.C. 434(a). 2 U.S.C. 437g(a)(4). On 4/4/2006, the FEC found that there is reason to believe ("RTB") that Pipefitters Local Union No 274 Political Action Committee and you, as treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. 434(a) by failing to file timely this report on or before January 31st. Based on the FEC's schedules of civil money penalties at 11 C.F.R. 111.43, the amount of your civil money penalty calculated at the RTB stage is \$1200. It is due by 5/14/2006 and is based on these factors:

Election Sensitivity of Report: Not Election Sensitive
Level of Activity: \$ 99017
Number of Days Late: 8
Number of Previous Civil Money Penalties Assessed: 0

To Pay the Calculated Civil Money Penalty

To pay the calculated civil money penalty, send the enclosed remittance and your payment to the FEC at the address on page 3. Upon receipt of your payment, the FEC will send you a final determination letter.

To Challenge the RTB Finding and/or Calculated Civil Money Penalty

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your control and prevented you from filing the report in a timely manner. Your response must include the factual basis supporting the reason(s) and supporting documentation. The FEC strongly encourages that documents be submitted in the form of affidavits or declarations. Examples of circumstances that will not be considered extraordinary include, but are not limited to, negligence, problems with vendors or contractors, staff illness, computer failures and similar circumstances. 11 C.F.R. 111.35(b)(1)(iii) and (4).

Your failure to raise an argument in a timely fashion during the administrative process shall be deemed a waiver of your right to present such argument in a petition to the district court under 2 U.S.C. 437g. 11 C.F.R. 111.38.

If you intend to be represented by counsel, please advise the Office of Administrative Review. You should provide, in writing, the name, address and telephone number of your counsel and authorize counsel to receive notifications and communications relating to this challenge and imposition of the calculated civil money penalty.

If You Do Not Pay The Calculated Civil Money Penalty or Submit a Challenge

If you do not pay the calculated civil money penalty or submit a written response, the FEC will assume that the preceding factual allegations are true and make a final determination that Pipefitters Local Union No 274 Political Action Committee and you, as treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. 434(a) and assess a civil money penalty.

Unpaid civil money penalties assessed through the Administrative Fine regulations will be subject to the Debt Collection Act of 1982("DCA")as amended by the Debt Collection Improvement Act of 1996, 31 U.S.C. 3701 et seq. The FEC may take any and all appropriate action authorized and required by the DCA, as amended, including transfer to the U.S. Department of the Treasury for collection. 11 C.F.R. 111.45.

This matter was generated based on information ascertained by the FEC in the normal course of carrying out its supervisory responsibilities. 2 U.S.C. 437g(a)(2). It will remain confidential in accordance with 2 U.S.C. 437g(a)(4)(B) and 437g(a)(12)(A) until it is placed on the public record in accordance with 11 C.F.R. 111.42, unless you notify the FEC in writing that you wish the matter to be made public.

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Sincerely,



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ADMINISTRATIVE FINE REMITTANCE & PAYMENT INSTRUCTIONS

In accordance with the schedule of penalties at 11 C.F.R. 111.43, the amount of your civil money penalty calculated at RTB is \$1200 for the 2005 Year-End Report.

Please mail this remittance with a check or money order made payable to the Federal Election Commission to the following address:

Federal Election Commission
P.O. Box 979058
St. Louis, MO 63197-9000

If you choose to send your remittance and payment by courier or overnight delivery, please use this address:

U.S. Bank - Government Lockbox
FEC #979058
1005 Convention Plaza
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St. Louis, MO 63101

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PAYMENTS BY PERSONAL CHECK

Personal checks will be converted into electronic funds transfers (EFTS). Your account will be electronically debited for the amount on your check, usually within 24 hours, and the debit will appear on your regular statement. We will destroy your original check and keep a copy of it. In case the EFT cannot be processed for technical reasons, you authorize us to process the copy in lieu of the original check. Should the EFT not be completed because of insufficient funds, we may try to make the transfer twice.

PLEASE DETACH AND RETURN THE PORTION BELOW WITH YOUR PAYMENT

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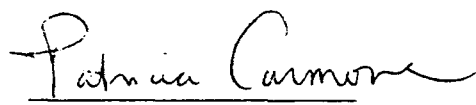
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DECLARATION OF PATRICIA CARMONA

1. I am the Chief of the Compliance Branch for the Reports Analysis Division of the Federal Election Commission ("Commission"). In my capacity as Chief of the Compliance Branch, I oversee the research conducted with regard to the Administrative Fine Program. I make this declaration based on my personal knowledge and, if called upon as a witness, could and would testify competently to the following matters.
2. I hereby certify that documents identified herein are true and accurate copies of the following sent by the Commission to the Pipefitters Local Union No. 274 PAC:
 - A) Prior Notice dated December 28, 2005 referencing the 2005 Year End Report.
 - B) Reason-to-Believe Letter dated April 6, 2006, referencing the 2005 Year End Report.
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Patricia Carmona
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The Act was further amended in 1999 to permit the FEC to impose civil money penalties for violations of the reporting requirements of 2 U.S.C. 434(a). 2 U.S.C. 437g(a)(4). On 4/4/2006, the FEC found that there is reason to believe ("RTB") that Pipefitters Local Union No 274 Political Action Committee and you, as treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. 434(a) by failing to file timely this report on or before January 31st. Based on the FEC's schedules of civil money penalties at 11 C.F.R. 111.43, the amount of your civil money penalty calculated at the RTB stage is \$1200. It is due by 5/14/2006 and is based on these factors:

Election Sensitivity of Report: Not Election Sensitive
Level of Activity: \$ 99017
Number of Days Late: 8
Number of Previous Civil Money Penalties Assessed: 0

To Pay the Calculated Civil Money Penalty

To pay the calculated civil money penalty, send the enclosed remittance and your payment to the FEC at the address on page 3. Upon receipt of your payment, the FEC will send you a final determination letter.

To Challenge the RTB Finding and/or Calculated Civil Money Penalty

To challenge the RTB finding and/or calculated civil money penalty, you must submit a written response, including the AF# found on page one, to the FEC's Office of Administrative Review, 999 E Street, NW, Washington, DC 20463. Your response must be received by 5/14/2006. Your written response must include the reason(s) why you are challenging the RTB finding and/or calculated civil money penalty. The FEC will only consider challenges that are based on a factual error, miscalculation of the calculated civil money penalty by the FEC, or the existence of extraordinary circumstances that persisted for more than 48 hours that were beyond

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your control and prevented you from filing the report in a timely manner. Your response must include the factual basis supporting the reason(s) and supporting documentation. The FEC strongly encourages that documents be submitted in the form of affidavits or declarations. Examples of circumstances that will not be considered extraordinary include, but are not limited to, negligence, problems with vendors or contractors, staff illness, computer failures and similar circumstances. 11 C.F.R. 111.35(b)(1)(iii) and (4).

Your failure to raise an argument in a timely fashion during the administrative process shall be deemed a waiver of your right to present such argument in a petition to the district court under 2 U.S.C. 437g, 11 C.F.R. 111.38.

If you intend to be represented by counsel, please advise the Office of Administrative Review. You should provide, in writing, the name, address and telephone number of your counsel and authorize counsel to receive notifications and communications relating to this challenge and imposition of the calculated civil money penalty.

If You Do Not Pay The Calculated Civil Money Penalty or Submit a Challenge

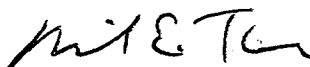
If you do not pay the calculated civil money penalty or submit a written response, the FEC will assume that the preceding factual allegations are true and make a final determination that Pipefitters Local Union No 274 Political Action Committee and you, as treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. 434(a) and assess a civil money penalty.

Unpaid civil money penalties assessed through the Administrative Fine regulations will be subject to the Debt Collection Act of 1982("DCA")as amended by the Debt Collection Improvement Act of 1996, 31 U.S.C. 3701 et seq. The FEC may take any and all appropriate action authorized and required by the DCA, as amended, including transfer to the U.S. Department of the Treasury for collection. 11 C.F.R. 111.45.

This matter was generated based on information ascertained by the FEC in the normal course of carrying out its supervisory responsibilities. 2 U.S.C. 437g(a)(2). It will remain confidential in accordance with 2 U.S.C. 437g(a)(4)(B) and 437g(a)(12)(A) until it is placed on the public record in accordance with 11 C.F.R. 111.42, unless you notify the FEC in writing that you wish the matter to be made public.

Additional information on the FEC's administrative fine program, including the final regulations, is located at the FEC's website at www.FEC.gov. If you have questions regarding the payment of the calculated civil money penalty, please contact Elizabeth Goings in the Reports Analysis Division at our toll free number (800)424-9530 (at the prompt press 5) or (202)694-1130. If you have questions regarding the submission of a challenge, please contact the Office of Administrative Review at our toll free number (800)424-9530 (press 0, then ext. 1660) or (202)694-1660.

Sincerely,



Michael E. Toner
Chairman

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ADMINISTRATIVE FINE REMITTANCE & PAYMENT INSTRUCTIONS

In accordance with the schedule of penalties at 11 C.F.R. 111.43, the amount of your civil money penalty calculated at RTB is \$1200 for the 2005 Year-End Report.

Please mail this remittance with a check or money order made payable to the Federal Election Commission to the following address:

Federal Election Commission
P.O. Box 979058
St. Louis, MO 63197-9000

If you choose to send your remittance and payment by courier or overnight delivery, please use this address:

U.S. Bank - Government Lockbox
FEC #979058
1005 Convention Plaza
Attn: Government Lockbox, SL-MO-C2GL
St. Louis, MO 63101

The remittance and your payment are due by 5/14/2006. Upon receipt of your remittance and payment, the FEC will send you a final determination letter.

PAYMENTS BY PERSONAL CHECK

Personal checks will be converted into electronic funds transfers (EFTS). Your account will be electronically debited for the amount on your check, usually within 24 hours, and the debit will appear on your regular statement. We will destroy your original check and keep a copy of it. In case the EFT cannot be processed for technical reasons, you authorize us to process the copy in lieu of the original check. Should the EFT not be completed because of insufficient funds, we may try to make the transfer twice.

PLEASE DETACH AND RETURN THE PORTION BELOW WITH YOUR PAYMENT

FOR: Pipefitters Local Union No 274 Political Action Committee

FEC ID#: C00190991

AF#: 1444

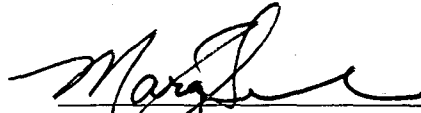
PAYMENT DUE DATE: 5/14/2006

PAYMENT AMOUNT DUE: \$ 1200

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DECLARATION OF MARY E. SEILER

1. I am the Reviewing Analyst in the Office of Administrative Review for the Federal Election Commission ("Commission"). In my capacity as Reviewing Analyst, I conduct research with respect to all challenges submitted in accordance with the Administrative Fine program.
2. The 2005 Year End Report is due January 31, 2006. If electronically filed, it must be received and validated by the Commission at or before 11:59 p.m., Eastern Standard/Daylight Time on January 31 to be timely filed.
3. I hereby certify that I have searched the Commission's public records and that the document identified herein is a true and accurate copy of Page 1 of the Summary Page for the 2005 Year End Report electronically filed by the Pipefitters Local Union No. 274 Political Action Committee and John Wende, as Treasurer. According to the Commission's records, the report covers the period from July 1 through December 31, 2005 and was received on February 8, 2006.
4. Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct and that this declaration was executed at Washington on the 17th of November, 2006.



Mary E. Seiler
Reviewing Analyst
Office of Administrative Review
Federal Election Commission

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REPORT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS For Other Than An Authorized Committee

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1. NAME OF COMMITTEE (in full) USE FEC MAILING LABEL OR TYPE OR PRINTY Example: If typing, type over the lines

PIPEFITTERS LOCAL UNION NO 274 POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE

ADDRESS (number and street)

1000 HENDRICKS CAUSEWAY

Check if different than previously reported. (ACC)

RIDGEFIELD

NJ

07657

2. FEC IDENTIFICATION NUMBER CITY STATE ZIP CODE

C00190991

3. IS THIS REPORT X NEW (N) OR AMENDED (A)

4. TYPE OF REPORT (Choose One)

(B) Quarterly Reports:

April 15 Quarterly Report(Q1)

July 15 Quarterly Report(Q2)

October 15 Quarterly Report(Q3)

X January 31 Quarterly Report(YE)

July 31 Mid-Year Report(Non-election Year Only) (MY)

Termination Report (TER)

(b) Monthly Report Due On:

Feb 20 (M2)

May 20 (M5)

Aug 20 (M8)

Nov 20 (M11) (Non-Election Year Only)

Mar 20 (M3)

Jun 20 (M6)

Sep 20 (M9)

Dec 20 (M12) (Non-Election Year Only)

Apr 20 (M4)

Jul 20 (M7)

Oct 20 (M10)

Jan 31 (YE)

(c) 12-Day PRE-Election Report for the:

Primary (12P)

General (12G)

Runoff (12R)

Convention (12C)

Special (12S)

Election on

in the State of

(d) 30-Day Post-Election Report for the:

General (30G)

Runoff (30R)

Special (30S)

Election on

in the State of

5. Covering Period 07 01 2005 through 12 31 2005

I certify that I have examined this Report and to the best of my knowledge and belief it is true, correct and complete.

Type or Print Name of Treasurer JOHN WENDE

Signature of Treasurer Electronically Filed by JOHN WENDE Date 01 30 2006

NOTE: Submission of false, erroneous, or incomplete information may subject the person signing this Report to the penalties of 2 U.S.C 437g.

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

VIA OVERNIGHT DELIVERY

November 27, 2006

John Wende, as Treasurer
Pipefitters Local Union No. 274 Political Action Committee
1000 Hendricks Causeway
Ridgefield, NJ 07657

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AF# 1444

Dear Mr. Wende:

On April 4, 2006, the Federal Election Commission ("Commission") found reason to believe ("RTB") that the Pipefitters Local Union No. 274 Political Action Committee and you, as Treasurer ("respondents"), violated 2 U.S.C. § 434(a) for failing to timely file the 2005 Year End Report. The Commission also made a preliminary determination that the civil money penalty was \$1,200 based on the schedule of penalties at 11 C.F.R. § 111.43.

After reviewing the written response and any supplemental information submitted by you and Commission staff, the Reviewing Officer has recommended that the Commission make a final determination in this matter. A copy of the Reviewing Officer's recommendation is attached.

You may file with the Commission Secretary a written response to the recommendation within 10 days of the date of this letter. Your written response should be sent to the Commission Secretary, 999 E Street, NW, Washington, DC 20463. As a result of the anthrax threat in the Washington, DC area, US Postal Service mail delivery to federal agencies, including the Commission, has been interrupted. Until regular mail delivery resumes, you may also file your written response with the Commission Secretary via facsimile (202-208-3333) or by courier at the same address (if you use an overnight delivery service, please use zip code 20004 instead of zip code 20463). Please include the AF # in your response. Your response may not raise any arguments not raised in your original written response or not directly responsive to the Reviewing Officer's recommendation. 11 C.F.R. § 111.36(f). The Commission will then make a final determination in this matter.

Please contact me at the toll free number 800-424-9530 (press 0, then press 1660) or 202-694-1660 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Mary E. Seiler".

Mary E. Seiler
Reviewing Analyst
Office of Administrative Review

Attachment

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

SECRETARIAT

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December 12, 2006

MEMORANDUM

TO: THE COMMISSION

THROUGH: PATRINA M. CLARK *pmc*
STAFF DIRECTOR

JOHN D. GIBSON *JDG*
ACTING DEPUTY STAFF DIRECTOR

FROM: SHAWN WOODHEAD WERTH *SWW*
REVIEWING OFFICER
OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW

SUBJECT: FINAL DETERMINATION RECOMMENDATION IN AF# 1444 -
PIPEFITTERS LOCAL UNION NO 274 POLITICAL ACTION
COMMITTEE AND JOHN WENDE, AS TREASURER (C00190991)

SENSITIVE

On April 4, 2006, the Commission found reason to believe ("RTB") that the respondents violated 2 U.S.C. § 434(a) for failing to timely file the 2005 Year End Report and made a preliminary determination that the civil money penalty was \$1,200 based on the schedule of penalties at 11 C.F.R. § 111.43.

On April 24, 2006, the Commission received their written response and supporting documentation ("challenge"). After reviewing the challenge, the Reviewing Officer's recommendation dated November 17, 2006 was forwarded to the Commission and a copy was forwarded to the respondents. The Reviewing Officer recommended that the Commission make a final determination that they violated 2 U.S.C. § 434(a) and assess a \$1,200 civil money penalty because they submitted no evidence that a factual error was made, that the penalty was miscalculated at RTB or that extraordinary circumstances existed which prevented them from timely filing the report.

Within 10 days of transmittal of the recommendation, they may file a written response with the Commission Secretary which may not raise any arguments not raised in their challenge or not directly responsive to the Reviewing Officer's recommendation. 11 C.F.R. § 111.36(f). As of this date, a written response has not been received.

OAR Recommendations

- (1) Make a final determination in AF# 1444 that the Pipefitters Local Union No 274 Political Action Committee and John Wendé, as Treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. § 434(a) and assess a civil money penalty of \$1,200; and
- (2) Send the appropriate letter.

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20463

SENSITIVE

DATE & TIME OF TRANSMITTAL Wednesday, December 13, 2006 4:00

BALLOT DEADLINE: Monday, January 08, 2007 4:00

COMMISSIONER: LENHARD, MASON, TONER, von SPAKOVSKY, WALTHER, WEINTRAUB

SUBJECT: **Final Determination Recommendation in AF #1444
Pipefitters Local Union No. 274 Political Action
Committee and John Wende, as Treasurer (C00190991)
Memorandum from the Reviewing Officer dated
December 12, 2006.**

- () I approve the recommendation(s)
- () I object to the recommendation(s)
- () I am recused from voting.
- () No vote by ballot.

COMMENTS: _____

DATE: _____ SIGNATURE: _____

A definite vote is required. All ballots must be signed and dated. Please return ONLY THE BALLOT to the Commission Secretary. Please return ballot no later than date and time shown above.

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF THE COMMISSION

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BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

In the Matter of)
)
Final Determination Recommendation in) AF 1444
Pipefitters Local Union No. 274 Political)
Action Committee and John Wende, as)
Treasurer (C00190991))

CERTIFICATION

I, Mary W. Dove, Secretary of the Federal Election Commission, do hereby certify that on January 08, 2007, the Commission decided by a vote of 5-0 to take the following actions in AF 1444:

1. Make a final determination in AF 1444 that the Pipefitters Local Union No. 274 Political Action Committee and John Wende, as Treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. § 434(a) and assess a civil money penalty of \$1,200.
2. Send the appropriate letter.

Commissioners Lenhard, Toner, von Spakovsky, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision. Commissioner Mason did not vote.

Attest:

January 9, 2007
Date

Mary W. Dove
Mary W. Dove
Secretary of the Commission

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

January 12, 2007

VIA CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

John Wende, as Treasurer
Pipefitters Local Union No 274 Political Action Committee
1000 Hendricks Causeway
Ridgefield, New Jersey 07657

ID# C00190991
AF# 1444

Dear Mr. Wende:

On April 4, 2006, the Federal Election Commission ("the Commission") found reason to believe ("RTB") that the Pipefitters Local Union No 274 Political Action Committee and you, as Treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. § 434(a) for failing to timely file the 2005 Year End Report. By mailgram dated April 6, 2006, the Commission sent you notification of the RTB finding that included a civil money penalty calculated at RTB of \$1,200 in accordance with the schedule of penalties at 11 C.F.R. § 111.43. On April 24, 2006, the Office of Administrative Review received the written responses from you and David Gerson challenging the RTB civil money penalty.

The Reviewing Officer reviewed the Commission's RTB finding with its supporting documentation and your written response. Based on this review, the Reviewing Officer recommended that the Commission make a final determination that the Pipefitters Local Union No 274 Political Action Committee and you, as Treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. § 434(a) and assess a civil money penalty in the amount of \$1,200 in accordance with 11 C.F.R. § 111.43. The basis for the Reviewing Officer's recommendation was included in the Final Determination Report, a copy of which was sent to you on November 27, 2006.

On January 8, 2007, the Commission adopted the Reviewing Officer's recommendation and made a final determination that the Pipefitters Local Union No 274 Political Action Committee and you, as Treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. § 434(a) and assessed a civil money penalty of \$1,200. It is based on the same factors used to calculate the civil money penalty at RTB.

To Pay the Civil Money Penalty

To pay the civil money penalty, send the enclosed form and your payment to the address on page 3 within 30 days of receipt of this letter.

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If You Do Not Pay the Civil Money Penalty

Unpaid civil money penalties assessed through the Administrative Fine regulations will be subject to the Debt Collection Act of 1982 ("DCA") as amended by the Debt Collection Improvement Act of 1996 ("DCIA"), 31 U.S.C. § 3701 et seq. If you do not pay this debt within 30 days (or file a written petition to a federal district court - see below), the Commission will transfer the debt to the U.S. Department of the Treasury ("Treasury") for collection. Within 5 days of the transfer to Treasury, Treasury will contact the debtor and request payment. Treasury currently charges a fee of 28% of the civil money penalty amount for its collection services. The fee will be added to the amount of the civil money penalty that you owe. Should Treasury's attempts fail, Treasury will refer the debt to a private collection agency ("PCA"). If the debt remains unpaid, Treasury may recommend that the Commission refer the matter to the Department of Justice for litigation.

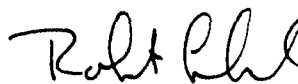
If You Choose to Appeal the Final Determination and/or Civil Money Penalty

If you choose to appeal the final determination, you should submit a written petition, within 30 days of receipt of this letter, to the district court of the United States for the district in which the committee or you reside, or transact business, requesting that the final determination be modified or set aside. See 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(4)(C)(iii). Your failure to raise an argument in a timely fashion during the administrative process shall be deemed a waiver of the respondents' right to present such argument in a petition to the district court under 2 U.S.C. § 437g. 11 C.F.R. § 111.38.

The confidentiality provisions at 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(12) no longer apply and this matter is now public. The file will be made a part of the public record pursuant to 11 C.F.R. § 111.42(b). Although the file must be placed on the public record within 30 days from the date of the Commission's notification, this could occur at any time following certification of the Commission's vote.

If you have any questions regarding the payment of the civil money penalty, please contact Shawn Woodhead Werth on our toll free number (800)424-9530 (press 0, then ext. 1660) or (202)694-1660.

Sincerely,



Robert D. Lenhard
Chairman

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ADMINISTRATIVE FINE PAYMENT INSTRUCTIONS

In accordance with the schedule of penalties at 11 C.F.R. § 111.43, the civil money penalty is \$1,200 for the 2005 Year End Report.

This penalty should be paid by check or money order, made payable to the Federal Election Commission. It should be sent by mail to:

Federal Election Commission
PO Box 979058
St. Louis, MO 63197-9000

If you choose to send your payment by courier or overnight delivery, please use this address:

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PLEASE DETACH AND RETURN THE PORTION BELOW WITH YOUR PAYMENT

FOR: Pipefitters Local Union 274 Political Action Committee

FEC ID#: C00190991

AF#: 1444

PAYMENT AMOUNT DUE: \$1,200


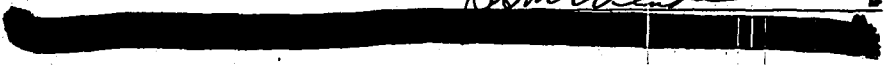
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Washington DC 20463

THIS IS THE END OF ADMINISTRATIVE FINE CASE # 1444

DATE SCANNED 6/6/07

SCANNER NO. 1

SCAN OPERATOR EES

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