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October 21, 2022

TO: The Commission

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Staff Director

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SUBJECT: Recommendation to Approve Negotiated Settlement
ADR 1082 - People's Action Power and Marta Popadiak,
Treasurer (C00738237)

RESOLUTION TERMS: Retain counsel to review compliance procedures and
conduct training with those responsible for preparing and
filing reports; and pay a civil penalty of \$22,575.

Attached for your review is a signed Negotiated Settlement pertaining to ADR 1082 (RR 21L-55). The ADR Office received this referral on June 28, 2022, from the Office of General Counsel (OGC) in accordance with a vote of the Commission to transfer the matter.

SUMMARY: The Reports Analysis Division (RAD) referred People's Action Power and Marta Popadiak, Treasurer (Respondents or the Committee) for failing to timely file two (2) 24-Hour Reports totaling \$303,892.70 to support eight (8) independent expenditures disclosed on the 2020 30-Day Post-General Report. On December 3, 2020, the Committee filed two (2) 24-Hour Reports covering these independent expenditures, albeit untimely.

During negotiations, Respondents acknowledged they omitted transactions from their 24-Hour Reports and stated they did not have time to reconcile estimates of

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independent expenditures against actual spending until December 3, 2020. Respondents further state that the short timeframe of the post-general reporting period, the large number of employees and volunteers working on programs that required disclosure of independent expenditures, as well as late invoices, caused the reporting delay.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Approve the attached Negotiated Settlement of People's Action Power and Marta Popadiak, Treasurer.
2. Approve the appropriate letters.
3. Close the file on this matter.