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# **SENSITIVE**

#### **MEMORANDUM**

April 30, 2024

TO: The Commission

THROUGH: Alec Palmer

**Staff Director** 

FROM: Patricia C. Orrock *PCO* 

Chief Compliance Officer

Krista J. Roche

Director, ADR Office

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Assistant Director, ADR Office

SUBJECT: Recommendation to Approve Negotiated Settlement

ADR 1155 - People's Action Power and Marta Popadiak,

Treasurer (C00738237)

RESOLUTION TERMS: Certify that the Committee performed a reconciliation of its

accounts prior to filing each required FEC report; certify that the Committee continued to retain the services of a

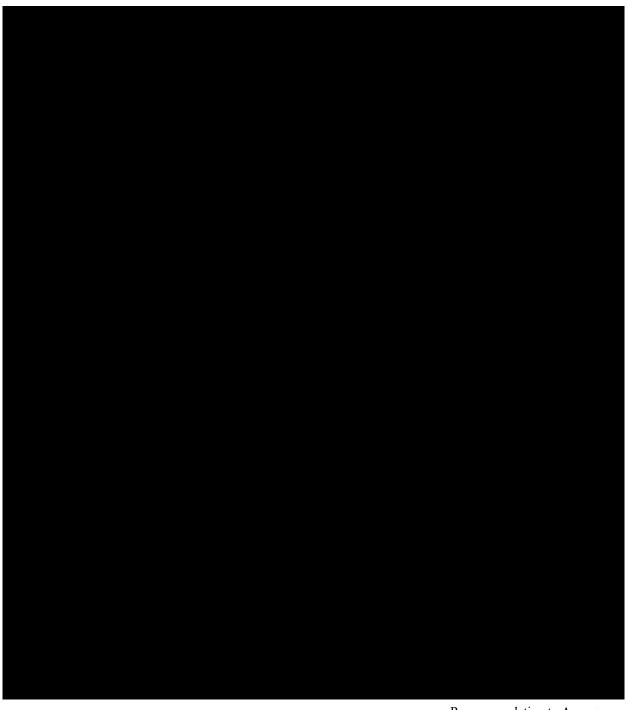
compliance firm; and pay a civil penalty of \$10,950.

Attached for your review is a signed Negotiated Settlement pertaining to ADR 1155 (RAD 23L-69). The ADR Office received this referral from the Reports Analysis Division (RAD) on December 12, 2023.

**SUMMARY:** RAD referred People's Action Power and Marta Popadiak, Treasurer (Respondents or the Committee) for failing to disclose all financial activity on its 2021 Mid-Year Report and 2021 Year-End Report. On July 31, 2023, the Committee filed an Amended 2021 Mid-Year Report and an Amended 2021 Year-End Report which disclosed additional disbursements totaling \$106,608.43 and \$152,833.15, respectively.

On October 15, 2023, the Committee filed a Form 99 (Miscellaneous Electronic Submission), which stated that during an internal review of its FEC reports, the

Recommendation to Approve Negotiated Settlement ADR 1155 (RAD 23L-69) Page 1 Committee discovered that certain disbursements were not disclosed and, upon discovery, it retained a compliance firm to conduct an additional review of its reports and prepared and filed the amended reports to disclose the disbursements. The Committee contended that none of the omitted disbursements were independent expenditures on behalf of federal candidates or contributions, direct or in-kind, to other federal committees. Lastly, the Committee stated it has retained the compliance firm to ensure that all future reports filed by the Committee are accurate and reconciled.



#### **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.