



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
999 E Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20463

August 24, 2004

S. Frazer Rankin, Esq.
Dorignac's Food Center, L.L.C.
710 Veterans Boulevard
New Orleans, LA 70130

Re: ADR 255-42/MUR 5656

Dear Dr. Rankin:

Enclosed is the signed copy of the agreement resolving the matter brought to the attention of this Office as a result of a referral from the Commission's audit division. The agreement, ADR 255-42/MUR 5656, was approved by the Federal Election Commission on August 15, 2005 -- the effective date of the agreement.

As you are aware, the settlement agreement will be made part of the record that is released to the public. In addition, as of January 1, 2004, the Commission also will place on the record copies of the submission, correspondence exchanged between your office and this office prior to our entry into settlement negotiations and reports prepared by this office to assist the Commission in its consideration of this matter. The Commission is obliged by Federal statute to place on the public record documents in closed enforcement and alternative dispute resolution cases; accordingly, copies of documents relative to this matter will be forwarded shortly to the FEC's Public Information Office.

This agreement effectively resolves the issues raised in the referral referenced above.

I appreciate your assistance in resolving this matter and helping to bring this case to a mutually satisfactory conclusion.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Allan Silberman".

Allan Silberman,
Director, ADR Office

Enclosure as stated

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Case Number: ADR 255-42
Source: MUR 5652
Case Name: Dorignac's Food Center, LLC

NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT

This matter was initiated by the Federal Election Commission ("the Commission") pursuant to information ascertained in the normal course of carrying out its supervisory responsibilities. Following a review of the record and in an effort to promote compliance with the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended ("the FECA" or "Act"), and to resolve this matter, the Commission entered into negotiations with S. Frazer Rankin, Esq. on behalf of Dorignac's Food Center, LLC (the "Respondent"). It is understood that this agreement will have no precedential value relative to any other matters coming before the Commission.

Negotiations between the Commission and Respondent have addressed all the issues raised in this matter. The parties have agreed to resolve the matter according to the following terms:

1. The Commission entered into this agreement as part of its responsibility for administering the FECA and in an effort to promote compliance with the Act on the part of the Respondent. The Commission's use of ADR procedures is authorized in "The Administrative Dispute Resolution Act of 1996", 5 U.S.C. § 572 and is an extension of 2 U.S.C. § 437g.
2. The Respondent has voluntarily entered into this agreement with the Commission.
3. An audit of the Terrell for Senate Committee disclosed that the Respondent contributed \$2,500 to the Committee in November 2002.
4. Any corporation whatever is prohibited from making a contribution, defined as including any direct or indirect payment, distribution, loan, or gift of money or any anything of value, etc. in connection with any Federal election. 2 U.S.C. § 441b(a) and 11 C.F.R. § 114.2(b)(1).
5. Respondent acknowledged making the aforementioned unlawful contribution to the Terrell for campaign committee. In order to resolve this matter, Respondents agree to pay a civil penalty of \$1,250.
6. If the Respondent fail to comply with the terms of this settlement, the Commission may undertake civil action in the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia to secure compliance and/or forward any outstanding civil penalty to the US Treasury for collection.
7. This agreement will become effective on the date signed by the parties and approved by the Commission. Respondent shall comply with the terms of this settlement within thirty (30) days of the effective date of the agreement.

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8. This Negotiated Settlement constitutes the entire agreement between the parties on ADR 255-42 and effectively resolves this matter. No other statement, promise or Agreement, either written or oral, made by either party, not included in herein, shall be enforceable.

FOR THE COMMISSION:

Allan D. Silberman,
Director Alternative Dispute Resolution Office

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8-15-05
Date

FOR THE RESPONDENT:

J. J. [Signature]
On behalf of Dornignac's Food Center, LLC

Aug. 1, 2005
Date

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