



**Federal Election Commission
Washington, DC 20463**

October 21, 2005

Glenn M. Willard, Esq.
Patton Boggs LLP
2550 M Street NW
Washington, DC 20037-1350

Re: ADR 282
Rick Renzi for Congress and Nancy Watkins, Treasurer

Dear Mr. Willard:

Enclosed is the signed copy of the agreement resolving the referral initiated on July 8, 2005 with the Federal Election Commission ("FEC/Commission") against Rick Renzi for Congress and Nancy Watkins, Treasurer ("Respondents"). The agreement for ADR 282 (RR 05L-16) was approved by the Commission on October 12, 2005 – the effective date of the agreement.

Note that paragraph 9 of the agreement specifies that Respondents shall comply with terms (a) and (c) of this settlement within thirty (30) days of the effective date of the agreement, and term (b) within eighteen (18) months of the effective date of the agreement. Please forward to this office, a statement confirming Respondents' compliance with the terms listed in paragraph 6 of the aforementioned agreement. The letter should note the dates on which Respondents satisfied each of the terms listed in paragraph 6.

As you are aware, the settlement agreement will be made part of the record that is released to the public. The Commission will also place on the record copies of the complaint/referral, correspondence exchanged between your office and this office prior to our entry into settlement negotiations and reports prepared for the Commission by this office to assist 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 resolves the matter that was initiated by the Commission pursuant to information ascertained in the normal course of carrying out its supervisory

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responsibilities regarding violations of federal election campaign laws. I appreciate your assistance in effectively resolving this matter and bringing the case to a mutually acceptable conclusion.

Sincerely,

Lynn M. Fraser, Assistant Director
Alternative Dispute Resolution Office
202-694-1665

Enclosure: Agreement

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Case Number 282
Source RR 05L-16
Case Name Rick Renzi for Congress

NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT

This matter was initiated by the Federal Election Commission ("Commission") pursuant to information ascertained in the normal course of carrying out its supervisory responsibilities. Following review of the matter, and in an effort to promote compliance with the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended, ("FECA") and resolve this matter, the Commission entered into negotiations with Glenn Willard, Esq., representing Rick Renzi for Congress and Nancy H. Watkins, Treasurer ("the Committee" or "Respondents"). 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 Respondents addressed the issues raised in this referral. The parties agree 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 on the part of Respondents. The Commission's use of alternative dispute resolution procedures ("ADR") 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. Respondents voluntarily enter into this agreement with the Commission.
3. RAD referred the Committee for failing to disclose all receipts on its 2004 April Quarterly Report. RAD states that Respondents filed an amended 2004 April Quarterly Report on May 5, 2004 that disclosed additional receipts aggregating \$99,681.94. RAD notes that Respondents' original report disclosed \$207,167.04, and the amended 2004 April Quarterly report disclosed receipts of \$306,848.98; a 48% increase in receipts over the original 2004 April Quarterly Report filed on April 15, 2004.
4. The FECA requires each treasurer of a political committee to file reports disclosing all receipts for the reporting period and the election cycle, in the case of an authorized committee of a candidate for Federal office. 2 U.S.C. § 434(b)(2), 11 C.F.R. § 104.3(a).
5. Respondents acknowledge an inadvertent violation of FECA, due to a glitch in the former Treasurer's software. Respondents contend that as soon as the omission was detected, the amended report was filed. Respondents argue that they have taken

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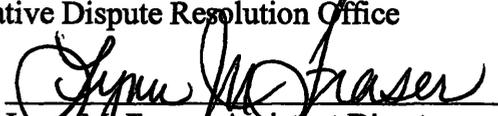
proactive steps to ensure accurate reporting such as the hiring of a new Treasurer, experienced in campaign finance matters, who reviews all reports before filing them with the Commission.

6. Respondents, in an effort to avoid similar errors in the future, agree to: (a) appoint a compliance officer for the Committee; (b) have the compliance officer attend a FEC seminar within eighteen months; and (c) pay a civil penalty of \$1,000.
7. Respondents agree that all information provided to resolve this matter is true and accurate to the best of their knowledge and that they sign this agreement under penalty of perjury pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746.
8. The parties agree that if Respondents fail to comply with the terms of this settlement, the Commission may submit any unpaid civil penalty to the U.S. Treasury for collection or undertake civil action in the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia to secure compliance.
9. This agreement shall become effective on the date signed by all parties and approved by the Commission. Respondents shall comply with the terms within thirty (30) days from the effective date of this agreement, with the exception of term (b) which shall be complied with within eighteen (18) months from the effective date of this agreement.
10. This Negotiated Settlement constitutes the entire agreement between the parties on ADR 282 (RR 05L-16), and effectively resolves this matter. No other statement, promise or agreement, either written or oral, made by either party, not included herein, shall be enforceable.

FOR THE COMMISSION:

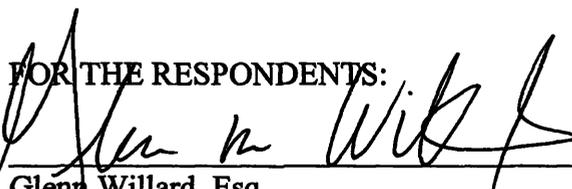
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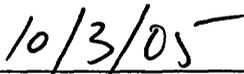
By:


Lynn M. Fraser, Assistant Director
Alternative Dispute Resolution Office


Date Signed

FOR THE RESPONDENTS:


Glenn Willard, Esq.
Representing Rick Renzi for Congress and
Nancy Watkins, Treasurer


Date Signed

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THIS IS THE END OF ADR CASE # 282

DATE SCANNED 11/10/05

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