



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION  
Washington, DC 20463

January 20, 2006

Robert Scott, Treasurer  
New Hampshire Republican State Committee  
134 North Main Street  
Concord, NH 03301

Re: ADR 305 (RR 05L-62)  
New Hampshire Republican State Committee and Robert Scott, Treasurer

Dear Mr. Scott:

The Reports Analysis Division of the Federal Election Commission ("FEC" or "Commission") determined that matters arising from its recent review of reports filed by the New Hampshire Republican State Committee warranted further examination for possible violation of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended. The Commission, thereafter, reviewed the file and voted on January 17, 2006 to assign this matter to the FEC's Alternative Dispute Resolution Office ("ADRO") for processing.

The FEC established the ADR Program to provide an informal means for resolving matters that come before the Commission and to facilitate negotiations directly with Respondents. The ADR Program provides Respondents with an opportunity to negotiate, and if necessary, mediate settlement of a matter that is mutually agreeable. The negotiations occur prior to any Commission consideration of whether there is reason to believe a violation has occurred. If negotiations and/or mediation are successful, the resulting settlement would conclude the matter.

The Commission, in referring the matter to the ADR office, determined that the case is eligible for processing in the ADR program. If Respondents decide to participate in the Program, i.e., negotiation and/or mediation, you must: 1) indicate in writing a willingness to have your case submitted to the ADR process; 2) agree to participate in the bilateral negotiations and if necessary, mediation; and 3) waive the statute of limitations while the matter is being processed under the FEC's ADR program.

The issues referred to the ADRO and the focus of our subsequent negotiations are summarized as follows:

RAD referred the New Hampshire Republican State Committee and Robert Scott, Treasurer ("Respondents" or the "Committee") for failing to file two (2) 24-Hour Notices

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to support three (3) independent expenditures totaling \$68,965. RAD stated that the Committee filed an amended 2004 30 Day Post-General Report that included a Schedule E disclosing the three independent expenditures which were made after the 20<sup>th</sup> day, but more than 24 hours before the 2004 General Election. RAD also indicated that Prior Notices listing the official filing dates for monthly filers during the 2004 calendar year were sent to the Committee on February 2, 2004 and August 27, 2004. The Prior Notices include a section titled 48-Hour and 24-Hour Reports on Independent Expenditures.

If after reviewing this letter and the enclosed brochure, which describes the ADR program, Respondents would like this case selected for ADR processing, you need to affirmatively indicate that on the enclosed Commitment to Submit Matter to ADR Program form. **Failure to respond affirmatively within fifteen (15) business days of receipt of this letter will be taken as a notice of disinterest in the program and your case will be dropped from further consideration for ADR.** In that event, your case will be sent to the FEC's Office of General Counsel and the likelihood that the Committee will be audited during the next election cycle will increase.

This matter has been designated as ADR 305. Please refer to this number in future correspondence with the FEC. If you have questions about the ADR Program, please contact the ADRO at my direct dial as indicated below

Sincerely,

Lynn M. Fraser, Assistant Director  
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Enclosures: Brochure  
Commitment to Submit Matter to ADR  
Designation of Representative/Counsel

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