



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION  
Washington, DC 20463

March 22, 2006

Emma Pierce, Treasurer  
CT Democratic State Central Committee  
179 Allyn Street  
Hartford, CT 06103

Re: ADR 313 (RR 05L-67)  
CT Democratic State Central Committee and Emma Pierce, Treasurer

Dear Ms. Pierce:

The Reports Analysis Division of the Federal Election Commission ("FEC" or "Commission") determined that matters arising from its recent review of RAD reports filed by the CT Democratic State Central Committee and Emma Pierce, Treasurer ("Respondents") 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 March 16, 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:

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**SUMMARY:** RAD referred the CT Democratic State Central Committee and Emma Pierce, Treasurer, ("Respondents" or the "Committee") for failing to disclose all financial activity on their 2004 August Monthly Report. Specifically, Respondents failed to disclose \$76,200 in additional receipts. The Committee, in its original 2004 August Monthly Report, filed on August 20, 2004, disclosed \$0 from Itemized Contributions from Individuals/Persons Other than Political Committees, \$0 from Transfers from Affiliated/Other Party Committees, and \$0 from Offsets to Operating Expenditures on the detailed summary page. Respondents filed an amended 2004 August Month Report on October 6, 2004, that disclosed \$4,200 from Itemized Contributions from Individuals/Persons Other than Political Committees, \$62,000 from Transfers from Affiliated/Other Party Committees, and \$27,960.98 from Offsets to Operating Expenditures on the detailed summary page. The amended report also disclosed a \$17,960.98 decrease for Contributions from other Political Committees, for a total increase in receipts of \$76,200. RAD sent the Committee an RFAI on April 13, 2005, requesting an explanation for the additional receipts. In response to the RFAI, the Committee stated that the omission was due to unanticipated volume of financial transactions during the reporting period. The Committee went on to state that within a month of filing the original report, the Committee audited its report and, finding the erroneously omitted receipts, filed the appropriate amendment.

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 313. 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  
Alternative Dispute Resolution Office  
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Enclosures: Brochure  
Commitment to Submit Matter to ADR  
Designation of Representative/Counsel

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