



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

May 27, 2010

Suzanne L. Plourde, Treasurer
Seafarers Political Activity Donation
Seafarers International Union of N.A.
5201 Auth Way
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Re: ADR 542 (RAD 10L-05) Seafarers Political Activity Donation – Seafarers
International Union of N.A. – AGLIWD/NMU and Suzanne L. Plourde, Treasurer

Dear Ms. Plourde:

The Federal Election Commission (FEC) referred a compliance issue to its Alternative Dispute Resolution Office (ADR Office) for processing based on a review of reports which reflect a possible failure to comply with the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended, by the Seafarers Political Activity Donation – Seafarers International Union of N.A. – AGLIWD/NMU (Respondents).

The issues referred to the ADR Office are summarized as follows:

Summary of Case: RAD referred Seafarers Political Activity Donation – Seafarers International Union of N.A. – AGLIWD/NMU and Suzanne L. Plourde, Treasurer, for receiving \$123,900.00 from its connected organization for reimbursement of administrative expenses more than thirty (30) days after the initial disbursement was made. The Committee subsequently refunded the apparently impermissible reimbursement one hundred and thirty-nine (139) days after it was received, as disclosed on its 2009 September Monthly Report. Respondent contends that the Treasurer at the time of the initial apparently impermissible reimbursement was on medical leave and the subsequently appointed Treasurer was unaware of the pending RFAI.

The FEC established the ADR program to provide an informal means for resolving compliance issues such as those described above. The ADR program aims to reduce the time and cost involved in resolving matters while providing an opportunity to negotiate a mutually agreeable settlement focused on promoting future compliance. The negotiations occur prior to any Commission consideration of whether there is reason to believe a violation has occurred. If negotiations are successful, the resulting settlement concludes the matter.

If the Respondents elect to participate in the ADR program please complete and return the attached Commitment to Submit to ADR form in which the Respondents will: 1) indicate in writing a willingness to have your case submitted for ADR; 2) agree to participate in the bilateral

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interest based negotiations; and 3) waive the statute of limitations while the matter is being processed by the ADR program.

Failure to complete and return the attached Commitment to Submit to ADR within fifteen (15) days will be taken as a notice of disinterest in the program and the case will be dropped from further consideration for ADR. In that event, the case will be sent to the FEC's Office of General Counsel for further processing and the likelihood that the Committee will be audited during the next election cycle will increase.

This matter has been designated as ADR 542. Please refer to this case number in all future correspondence with the FEC. Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at the number indicated below.

Sincerely,



Krista J. Roche
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Enclosures: ADR Frequently Asked Questions
Commitment to Submit to ADR & Statement of Designation of
Representative/Counsel