



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

December 20, 2010

Westmoreland for Congress  
Ann B. Hand, Treasurer  
P.O. Box 458  
Sharpsburg, GA 30277

Re: ADR 555 (RAD 10L-14)  
Westmoreland for Congress and Ann B. Hand, Treasurer

Dear Ms. Hand:

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. The Respondents in the above referenced matter are Westmoreland for Congress and Ann B. Hand, Treasurer (Respondents).

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

RAD referred Respondents for failing to disclose all financial activity on their election sensitive 2010 12 Day Pre-Primary Report, originally filed on July 8, 2010. On September 16, 2010, the Committee filed an amended 2010 12 Day Pre-Primary Report disclosing additional disbursements of \$88,000.00, a 63.7% increase over the originally reported activity. To explain the discrepancy, the Committee responded to a Request for Additional Information from RAD by filing a Miscellaneous Electronic Submission which stated that the "original report was unfortunately incomplete."

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.

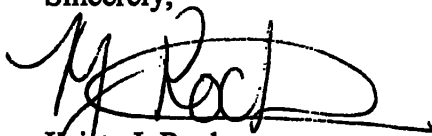
If the Respondents elect to participate in the ADR program please complete and return the attached Commitment to Submit to ADR form in which the Respondents will: 1) indicate in writing a willingness to have your case submitted for ADR; 2) agree to participate in the bilateral interest based negotiations; and 3) waive the statute of limitations while the matter is being processed by the ADR program.

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**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 555**. 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  
Assistant Director  
Alternative Dispute Resolution Office  
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Enclosures: ADR Frequently Asked Questions  
Commitment to Submit to ADR & Statement of Designation of  
Representative/Counsel

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