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Federal Election Commission
999 E Street NW
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Re: AOR 2001-13

My comments on the referenced Advisory Opinion Request.

General comment: The name "Green Party of the United States" (GPUS) is very much like, and could easily be confused with, the existing Green Party, Greens/Green Party USA (GPUSA). These are not the same organization. GPUSA gained party status with the FEC in 1996 (AO 1996-35) as the Green Party. It appears that the GPUS, formerly the ASGP, is trying to capitalize on the long history and good will generated by GPUSA in its attempt to displace GPUSA as the Green Party.

Section I. History

1. It's my understanding that the Green Party of Alaska voted to Not affiliated with ASGP/GPUS
2. The Missouri Progressive Party is not the same as the Missouri Green Party which actually did the work to get Ralph Nader on the ballot and which ran a full slate of candidates last year.

Section II Candidates for Office

1. The ASGP/GPUS takes full credit for the ballot status of Ralph Nader for President. In fact, there were four groups very active and instrumental in Nader's ballot access successes: ASGP/GPUS, GPUSA, various independent state Green Parties, and the Nader organization itself, which was independent of all state and local Green Parties. Members of ASGP and of GPUSA served within the Nader campaign organization, as did those not affiliated with either national group.
2. The list of Federal Candidates contains several claimed in the AOR as ASGP/GPUS candidates which cannot realistically be claimed as such since they ran before the existance of ASGP/GPUS, which had its first meeting after the election in 1996. Others who are listed did not run as ASGP/GPUS candidates, being members of and supporting GPUSA, or as completely independent of either group.

Section IV Assisting Member State Parties to Obtain FEC Recognition

1. Only three of the eight listed parties received the headlined assistance. Two are not even ASGP/GPUS affiliates. Including all eight seems intended to inflate their claim. Green Party of New York filed its AOR as an affiliate of GPUSA. It is currently dually affiliated.
2. While claiming to still provide that assistance, the last time that assistance was actually given

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was in 1998, using information from 1992.

Partial History of Green Party Candidates in the United States. The section includes candidates that ran up to a full decade before the founding of ASGP/GPUS. This appears to be an attempt to capture the history of Greens and the Green Party that it does not deserve.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Betty K. Wood". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name and title.

Betty K. Wood

Treasurer of Greens/Green Party USA (for identification purposes only - I am not speaking for G/GPUSA)