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**Re: MUR 7491 – Request for Extension**

Dear Mr. Jordan:

This requests an extension of time to respond to the letter from the Federal Election Commission (“Commission”) informing our clients, American Ethane Company, LLC and John Houghtaling (collectively the “Respondents”) of a complaint filed against them in the above-referenced matter. Respondents received the letter on September 15, 2018, and the response is currently due September 30, 2018. The Designation of Counsel form is attached.

We respectfully request a thirty day extension of time to respond, or until October 30, 2018. The extension of time will permit us to properly evaluate the allegations, research and compile necessary documentation, and ensure a complete and accurate response.

We appreciate your consideration of this request. Please do not hesitate to contact us directly about this matter.

Respectfully submitted,



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*Counsel for American Ethane Company, LLC and  
John Houghtaling*

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## BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION STATEMENT OF DESIGNATION OF COUNSEL

**MUR # 7491**

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The above-named individual and/or firm is hereby designated as my counsel and is authorized to receive any notifications and other communications from the Commission and to act on my behalf before the Commission.

Sept 24, 2018  
Date

  
Respondent/Client Signature

CEO, AEC  
Title

**Respondent/Client:** American Ethane Company, LLC  
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Information is being sought as part of an investigation being conducted by the Federal Election Commission and the confidentiality provisions of 52 U.S.C. 30109(a)(12)(A) apply. This section prohibits making public any investigation conducted by the Federal Election Commission without the express written consent of the person under investigation.