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Re: MUR 7527 (News for Democracy) – Recommendation to Accept Pre-Probable Cause Conciliation Agreement

I. INTRODUCTION

On October 18, 2022, the Commission found reason to believe that News for Democracy (“NFD”) violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(c)(1) of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended (the “Act”), by failing to report independent expenditures and 52 U.S.C. § 30120(a) by failing to include a required disclaimer on ads containing express advocacy.¹ On November 14, 2022, the Commission approved a conciliation agreement

¹ Certification (“Cert.”) ¶ 3.a, b (Oct. 19, 2022). The Commission also directed the Office of General Counsel to draft a conciliation agreement consistent with the revised Factual & Legal Analysis. *Id.* ¶ 4.b.

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We believe this negotiated agreement sufficiently vindicates the Commission's enforcement interests and is a reasonable resolution of this matter given NFD's defunct status. Therefore, we recommend that the Commission accept the attached negotiated conciliation agreement and close the file.

III. RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Accept the Conciliation Agreement with News for Democracy;
2. Approve the appropriate letters; and
3. Close the file.

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