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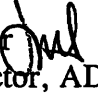
MEMORANDUM

April 27, 2006

TO: The Commission

THROUGH: Robert J. Costa 
Acting Staff Director

FROM: Allan D. Silberman 
Director, ADR Office

BY: Lynn M. Fraser 
Assistant Director, ADR Office

SUBJECT: ADR 321 Democratic Party of Oklahoma and Nina Ritchie, Treasurer,
Recommendation to Assign Case

On April 5, 2006, the ADR Office received RR 05L-57 to review and determine its appropriateness for ADR processing. Based on that review, we determined that the case is appropriate for ADR, and recommend that it be assigned to the ADR Office.

SUMMARY: RAD referred the Democratic Party of Oklahoma and Nina Ritchie, Treasurer, ("Respondents" or the "Committee") for failing to file four (4) 24-Hour Notices for independent expenditures, totaling \$231,000. The expenditures were made after the 20th day, but more than 24 hours, before the 2002 General Election. On September 30, 2002, RAD sent the Committee a Prior Notice containing a section titled *24 Hour Report on Independent Expenditures*. In an amended 2002 30 Day Post-General Report, filed on March 26, 2003, Respondents included a Schedule E disclosing four (4) independent expenditures, totaling \$231,000, all made on behalf of one (1) federal candidate. In response to two (2) RFAI's sent to the Committee on April 24, 2003, and May 15, 2003, Respondents filed a miscellaneous text submission to the Commission apologizing for failing to file the 24-Hour Notices. They stated "[w]e have reviewed our procedures for handling these situations and feel that we have a much better procedure in place now."

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Attached for the Commission's review is the ADR Case Analysis Report, along with copies of the EPS Rating and ADR Rating reports. The ADR Case Analysis Report includes an analysis of the case and a description of the issues that the ADR Office anticipates addressing if the case is assigned to ADR. In addition, the ADR Case Analysis Report has been reviewed by the Office of General Counsel, which concurs in the description of the case.

If the Commission concurs in the recommendation, the above case description will be provided to Respondents as part of ADR Office's notification package sent to Respondents.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. Assign ADR 321 (RR 05L-57) to the ADR Office.

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ADR CASE ANALYSIS REPORT

ADR Case: 321

Respondents:

Democratic Party of Oklahoma
Nina Ritchie, Treasurer

RAD Referral: 05L-57

Respondents' Rep.: Nina Ritchie

Date Forwarded to ADRO: 4/5/06

Committee Type: Party

Date Reviewed by ADRO: 4/24/06

Committee Name:
Democratic Party of Oklahoma

District & State: Oklahoma

Election Won-Lost: N/A

Election Cycle: 2002

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Recommendation:
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