#### FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

# PARTIES AND PACS

September 29, 2008

# **CURRENT REPORT DUE**

# I. QUARTERLY FILERS THAT MAKE GENERAL ELECTION CONTRIBUTIONS OR EXPENDITURES FROM OCTOBER 1 THROUGH OCTOBER 15

REPORT	REPORTING PERIOD <sup>1</sup>	REG./CERT. & OVERNIGHT MAILING DEADLINE	FILING DEADLINE
Pre-General <sup>2</sup>	10/01/08 - 10/15/08	10/20/08	10/23/08
Post-General	10/16/08 - 11/24/08	12/04/08	12/04/08

# II. QUARTERLY FILERS THAT <u>DO NOT</u> MAKE GENERAL ELECTION CONTRIBUTIONS OR EXPENDITURES FROM OCTOBER 1 THROUGH OCTOBER 15 <sup>3</sup>

REPORT	REPORTING PERIOD <sup>1</sup>	REG./CERT. & OVERNIGHT MAILING DEADLINE	FILING DEADLINE
Pre-General	10/01/08 - 10/15/08	10/20/08	10/23/08
Post-General	10/16/08 - 11/24/08	12/04/08	12/04/08

Supplemental Filing Information available on pages 3 and 4 of this notice.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>These dates indicate the beginning and the end of the reporting period. A reporting period always begins the day after the closing date of the last report filed. If the committee is new and has not previously filed a report, the first report must cover all activity that occurred before the committee registered up through the close of books for the first report due.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>Required only if committee makes contributions or expenditures in connection with the general election during the reporting period.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>Committees that made general election contributions or expenditures before October 1 and did not previously report them must also follow Chart I.

# REPORTING SCHEDULE FOR REMAINDER OF 2008

#### REPORTING DATES

REPORT	REPORTING PERIOD <sup>1</sup>	REG./CERT. & OVERNIGHT MAILING DEADLINE	FILING DEADLINE
Year-End	11/25/08 - 12/31/08	01/31/09	$01/31/09^4$

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup>Notice that this filing deadline falls on a weekend. Filing deadlines are not extended when they fall on nonworking days. Accordingly, reports filed by methods other than Registered, Certified or Overnight Mail, or electronically, must be received before the Commission's (or for committees supporting only Senate candidates, the Secretary of the Senate's) close of business on the last business day before the deadline.

#### SUPPLEMENTAL FILING INFORMATION

**PLEASE NOTE:** The Commission provides reminders of upcoming filing dates as a courtesy to help committees comply with the filing deadlines set forth in the Act and Commission regulations. Committee treasurers must comply with all applicable filing deadlines established by law, and the lack of prior notice does not constitute an excuse for failing to comply with any filing deadline.

#### WHO MUST FILE

Party Committees and PACs (Nonconnected Committees and Separate Segregated Funds) must follow the above charts in order to determine whether they must file a report 12 days before the general election on November 4 (the Pre-General Election Report). All Party Committees and PACs, regardless of financial activity, must file a report 30 days after the general election (the Post-General Election Report). Before a committee can stop filing with the FEC, it must file a termination report with the Commission. Committees must continue to file reports until the Commission notifies them in writing that their termination report has been accepted.

#### METHODS OF FILING REPORTS

## **Electronic Filing**

Quarterly Reports filed electronically must be received and validated by the Commission by 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time on the filing deadline. For additional information, call the Electronic Filing Office at (800) 424-9530 or (202) 694-1642 or visit our website at www.fec.gov/elecfil/electron.shtml.

Under the Commission's mandatory electronic filing regulations, political committees that receive contributions or make expenditures, including independent expenditures, in excess of \$50,000 in a calendar year, or that have reason to expect to do so, must file all reports with the FEC electronically. Other committees may voluntarily file electronically; however, any entity that files electronically, whether required to do so or not, must comply with the electronic filing rules.

#### **Registered & Certified Mail**

Quarterly Reports sent by Registered or Certified Mail must be postmarked on or before the mailing deadline to be considered timely filed. A committee sending its reports by Certified Mail should keep its certified mailing receipt with the U.S. Postal Service (USPS) postmark as proof of filing because the USPS does not keep complete records of items sent by Certified Mail. A committee sending its report by Registered Mail should keep its proof of mailing. Please note that a Certificate of Mailing from the USPS is not sufficient to prove that a report is timely filed using Registered, Certified or Overnight Mail.

#### **Overnight Mail**

Quarterly Reports filed via overnight mail will be considered timely filed if the report is received by the delivery service on or before the mailing deadline. "Overnight mail" includes Priority or Express Mail having a delivery confirmation, or an overnight delivery service with which the report is scheduled for next business day delivery and is recorded in the service's on-line tracking system.

#### Other Means of Filing

Quarterly Reports filed by any other means—including first class mail and courier—must be received by the Commission (or for committees supporting only Senate candidates, the Secretary of the Senate) before the close of business on the last business day before the filing deadline.

Forms are available for downloading and printing at the FEC website at www.fec.gov/info/forms.shtml.

#### **COMPLIANCE**

**Treasurer Responsibility.** Treasurers of political committees are responsible for both the timeliness and the accuracy of all reports. They may be subject to monetary penalties if reports are inaccurate or are not filed on time. For additional information, see the Commission's *Statement of Policy Regarding Treasurers Subject to Enforcement Proceedings* on the web site at www.fec.gov/law/policy/2004/notice2004-20.pdf

**Administrative Fine Program.** Under the Administrative Fine Program, political committees and their treasurers who fail to file their reports on time may be subject to civil money penalties up to \$16,000 (or more for repeat late- and non-filers). For additional information, visit the FEC website at www.fec.gov/af/af.shtml.

**Report Format.** In addition, political committees that file illegible reports or use non-FEC forms (except for FEC-approved, computer-generated forms) will be required to refile their reports.

**Electronic Filers Must File Electronically.** Electronic filers who instead file on paper, or who submit an electronic report (either by direct transmission, 3.5" diskette or CD) that does not pass the validation program by the 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time on the filing deadline, will be considered non-filers and may be subject to enforcement actions (including administrative fines).

# **CHANGE IN FILING FREQUENCY**

Committees able to change their reporting schedule (for example, from monthly to quarterly) who wish to do so must notify the Commission in writing when filing a report under the committee's current schedule. All reports filed after providing such a notice of change in filing frequency must follow the new filing schedule. Electronic filers must file this request electronically. Committees may change their filing frequency no more than once per calendar year.