



AGENDA DOCUMENT NO. 06-41

**MINUTES OF AN OPEN MEETING
OF THE
FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
THURSDAY, MAY 18, 2006**

PRESENT:

Michael E. Toner, Chairman, presiding

Robert D. Lenhard, Vice Chairman

David M. Mason, Commissioner

Hans A. von Spakovsky, Commissioner

Steven T. Walther, Commissioner

Ellen L. Weintraub, Commissioner

Robert J. Costa, Acting Staff Director

Lawrence H. Norton, General Counsel

Mary W. Dove, Secretary

Chairman Michael E. Toner called the Federal Election Commission to order in an open meeting at 10:10 A.M. on Thursday, May 18, 2006, with a quorum present.

I. CORRECTION AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Minutes for May 4, 2006
Agenda Document No. 06-38**

Chairman Toner recognized Vice Chairman Lenhard, who

**MOVED to approve the minutes for the
Open Meeting of Thursday, May 4, 2006,
as set forth in Agenda Document No. 06-38.**

The motion carried on the vote of 6-0 with Commissioners Lenhard, Mason, Toner, von Spakovsky, Walther, and Weintraub voting affirmatively.

II. ADVISORY OPINION 2006-15

**TransCanada Corporation by counsel,
Jonathan D. Simon**

Agenda Document No. 06-39

Chairman Toner recognized Mr. Duane Pugh of the General Counsel's Office who presented draft Advisory Opinion 2006-15 concerning the application of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended (the "Act"), and Commission regulations to

II. ADVISORY OPINION 2006-15 (continued)

political donations and disbursements from two of TransCanada's wholly owned domestic subsidiaries in connection with State and local elections.

A discussion followed.

Chairman Toner recognized Commissioner Mason, who

**MOVED to approve draft Advisory Opinion
2006-15, as set forth in Agenda Document
No. 06-39.**

**The motion carried on the vote of 5-1 with Commissioners
Lenhard, Mason, Toner, von Spakovsky, and Weintraub voting
affirmatively. Commissioner Walther dissented.**

III. ROUTINE ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

**There were no routine administrative matters to come before the
Commission.**

The meeting adjourned at 10:40 A.M.

Signed:

**Michael E. Toner
Chairman of the Commission**

Attest:

**Mary W. Dove
Secretary of the Commission**

