



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

July 17, 2002

MEMORANDUM

TO: RON M. HARRIS
PRESS OFFICER
PRESS OFFICE

FROM: JOSEPH F. STOLTZ 
ASSISTANT STAFF DIRECTOR
AUDIT DIVISION

SUBJECT: PUBLIC ISSUANCE OF THE AUDIT REPORT ON
RYDER EMPLOYEES POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE

Attached please find a copy of the audit report and related documents on Ryder Employees Political Action Committee, which was approved by the Commission on July 11, 2002.

All parties involved have received informational copies of the report and the report may be released to the public.

Attachment as stated

cc: Office of General Counsel
Office of Public Disclosure
Reports Analysis Division
FEC Library

REPORT OF THE AUDIT DIVISION
ON
Ryder Employees Political
Action Committee

Approved July 11, 2002



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**REPORT OF THE AUDIT DIVISION
ON
RYDER EMPLOYEES POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE**

I. BACKGROUND

A. AUDIT AUTHORITY

This report is based on an audit of the Ryder Employees Political Action Committee (Ryder), the separate segregated fund of Ryder System Inc., undertaken by the Audit Division of the Federal Election Commission (FEC) in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended (the Act). The audit was conducted pursuant to Section 438(b) of Title 2 of the United States Code, which states, in part, that the Commission may conduct audits and field investigations of any political committee required to file a report under section 434 of this title. Prior to conducting any audit under this subsection, the Commission shall perform an internal review of reports filed by the selected committees to determine if reports filed by a particular committee meet the threshold requirements for substantial compliance with the Act.

B. AUDIT COVERAGE

The audit covered the period from January 1, 1999 through December 31, 2000. During this period, Ryder reported a beginning cash balance of \$1,602; total receipts for the period of \$109,422; total disbursements for the period of \$109,323; and an ending cash balance of \$1,701.

C. CAMPAIGN ORGANIZATION

Ryder registered with the Federal Election Commission on March 6, 1978 as the Ryder Committee for Effective Government. On October 20, 1980, its name was changed to the Ryder System, Inc. Committee for Effective Government; and on January 18, 1994, its name was changed to the Ryder Employees Political Action Committee. The Treasurer for Ryder during the audit period was Mr. Anthony Tegnolia. The current Treasurer is Richard G. Rodick. Ryder maintains its headquarters in Miami, Florida.

To manage its financial activity, Ryder maintained one bank account during the audit period. It made 115 disbursements totaling \$108,823¹. Ryder received

¹ The Audit staff noted minor discrepancies between bank activity and reported activity for both disbursements and receipts.

contributions from individuals of \$109,958 the majority of which were collected through payroll deduction. Ryder utilized common accounting software as well as a custom designed campaign management application to prepare and file its reports. Accounting, recordkeeping and reporting functions were performed by volunteer Ryder employees. Neither the Treasurer nor any of the Ryder staff have attended an FEC seminar.

D. AUDIT SCOPE AND PROCEDURES

The Audit included testing of the following general categories:

1. the receipt of contributions or loans in excess of the statutory limitations;
2. the receipt of contributions from prohibited sources, such as those from corporations or labor organizations;
3. proper disclosure of contributions from individuals, political committees and other entities, to include the itemization of contributions when required, as well as, the completeness and accuracy of the information disclosed;
4. proper disclosure of disbursements including the itemization of disbursements when required, as well as, the completeness and accuracy of the information disclosed;
5. proper disclosure of committee debts and obligations, including loans;
6. the accuracy of total reported receipts, disbursements and cash balances as compared to bank records;
7. adequate recordkeeping of committee transactions; and
8. other audit procedures that were deemed necessary in the situation.

As part of the Commission's standard audit process, an inventory of Ryder records was conducted prior to the audit fieldwork to determine if its records were materially complete and in an auditable state. Based on our review of the records presented, it was concluded that they were materially complete and fieldwork began immediately.

II. AUDIT FINDING AND RECOMMENDATION

Based upon our examination of the reports and statements filed, and the records presented by Ryder, no material non-compliance was detected.



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Mr. Richard G. Rodick, Treasurer
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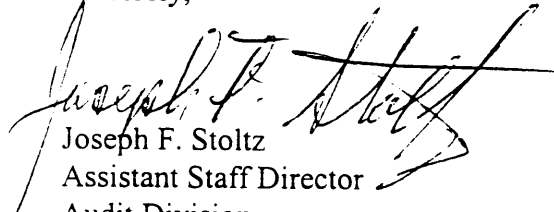
Dear Mr. Rodick:

Attached please find the Report of the Audit Division on Ryder Employees Political Action Committee. The Commission approved the report on July 11, 2002.

The Commission approved Final Audit Report will be placed on the public record on July 17, 2002. Should you have any questions regarding the public release of the report, please contact the Commission's Press Office at (202) 219-4155.

Any questions you have related to matters covered during the audit or in the report should be directed to Philomena Brooks or Alex Boniewicz of the Audit Division at (202) 694-1200 or toll free at (800) 424-9530.

Sincerely,


Joseph F. Stoltz
Assistant Staff Director
Audit Division

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CHRONOLOGY

RYDER EMPLOYEES POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE

Audit Fieldwork	May 28 - June 6, 2002
Exit Conference	June 6, 2002
Final Audit Report Approved	July 11, 2002

