

FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

PRESIDENTIAL COMMITTEES

September 21, 2011

CURRENT REPORTS DUE:

QUARTERLY FILERS

		REG./CERT. &	
REPORT	CLOSE OF	OVERNIGHT	FILING
	BOOKS ¹	MAILING DEADLINE	DEADLINE
October Quarterly	09/30/11	10/15/11	$10/15/11^{\frac{2}{}}$

MONTHLY FILERS

REPORT	CLOSE OF BOOKS ¹	REG./CERT. & OVERNIGHT MAILING DEADLINE	FILING DEADLINE
October Monthly	09/30/11	10/20/11	10/20/11

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See Page 2 for Reporting Schedule for Remainder of 2011

¹ 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.

²Notice 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 close of business on the last business day before the deadline.

REPORTING SCHEDULE FOR REMAINDER OF 2011

OUARTERLY FILERS

REPORT	CLOSE OF BOOKS ¹	REG./CERT. & OVERNIGHT MAILING DEADLINE	FILING DEADLINE
Year-End	12/31/11	01/31/12	01/31/12

MONTHLY FILERS

REPORT	CLOSE OF BOOKS ¹	REG./CERT. & OVERNIGHT MAILING DEADLINE	FILING DEADLINE
November	10/31/11	11/20/11	$11/20/11^{\frac{2}{}}$
December	11/30/11	12/20/11	12/20/11
Year-End	12/31/11	01/31/12	01/31/12

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2011 SUPPLEMENTAL FILING INFORMATION PRESIDENTIAL COMMITTEES

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

All committees authorized by Presidential candidates ¹ must file either Quarterly or Monthly reports in 2011. See <u>11 CFR 104.5(b)</u>. Before a committee can stop filing with the FEC, it must file a termination report with the Commission. See <u>11 CFR 102.3</u>. 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

Reports filed electronically must be received and validated by the Commission by 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time on the filing deadline. See 11 CFR 104.5(e).

• Web Page: Electronic Filing Page

Paper Filing -- Meeting the Filing Deadline

Paper report filing options – Registered, Certified or Overnight or First Class Mail. See 11 CFR 104.5(e).

• Web Page: <u>Link to Paper Forms</u> (for downloading and printing)

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 and may change their filing frequency no more than once per calendar year. See 11 CFR 104.5(b)(2).

• Web Page: Filing Frequency by Type of Committee

¹ Generally, an individual becomes a candidate for federal office (and thus triggers registration and reporting obligations) when his or her campaign exceeds \$5,000 in either contributions received or expenditures made. If the campaign has not crossed the \$5,000 threshold, it is not required to file reports. See 11 CFR 100.3(a).

COMPLIANCE

Treasurer Responsibility

Committee treasurers 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. See 11 CFR 104.14(d).

- Statement of Policy Regarding Treasurers Subject to Enforcement Proceeding [PDF]
- Brochure: *Committee Treasurers*

Administrative Fine Program

Failure to file reports on time may be subject to civil money penalties up to \$17,600 (or more for repeat late- and non-filers). See 11 CFR 111.43(b). See generally, 11 CFR 111.30.

• Web Page: Administrative Fine Program Page

2011 REPORTING SCHEDULE

Web Page: <u>2011 Reporting Dates Page</u>
The *Record*: <u>January 2011 issue</u> [PDF]

DISCLOSURE OF LOBBYIST BUNDLING ACTIVITY

Campaign committees must file <u>FEC Form 3L</u> [PDF] if they receive two or more bundled contributions from lobbyists/registrants or lobbyist/registrant PACs that aggregate in excess of \$16,200 during the applicable reporting period (<u>see page 1 of this notice</u>). See <u>11 CFR 104.22</u> and 11 CFR 110.17(e).

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