
PUBLIC NOTICE

The REGISTRY OF ELECTION FINANCE will meet on March 9, 1998, for its regularly scheduled meeting. The meeting will begin at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, March 9, in Suite 1614 of Parkway Towers, located at 404 James Robertson Parkway.

The agenda for the meeting is as follows:

1. Approval of minutes from Registry's February 9, 1998 meeting.
2. Reconsideration:

In the Matter of Century Telephone Enterprises, Inc. PAC,

Case No. 97-45

3. Approval of civil penalty orders.
4. Issuance of show cause notices.
5. Budget report.
6. Executive Director's report.
7. Other business.

RECONSIDERATION

Case No. 97-45 In the Matter of Century Telephone Enterprises, Inc. PAC

In a September 26, 1997 letter, the Registry staff notified Century Telephone Enterprises, Inc., PAC that it was required to file a 1997 third quarter campaign financial disclosure report by October 14, 1997. When the PAC's report was not filed with the Registry, a certified civil penalty assessment letter was mailed to the organization on October 23, 1997. This letter was acknowledged as received on October 30, 1997.

Class one (1) civil penalties began to accrue against Century Telephone Enterprises, Inc., PAC on November 4, 1997. By December 4, 1997, the PAC's failure to file the third quarter report had become a class two (2) offense. The Registry voted to issue a show cause notice to Century Telephone Enterprises, Inc., PAC at its December 8, 1997 meeting.

Century Telephone Enterprises, Inc., PAC did not respond to the board's notice, and an order assessing the PAC a \$500 class two (2) civil penalty was issued on January 15, 1998.

On January 20, 1998, the Registry staff received a letter asking that the Century Telephone Enterprises, Inc., PAC's case be reconsidered at the February 9, 1998 meeting. John Jones, Director of Government Relations, submitted a statement that was not sworn to. The Registry voted at the February 9, 1998 meeting to delay reconsideration of the case until the March 9 meeting, in order to give Century Telephone Enterprises, Inc. PAC an opportunity to file a sworn statement.

On February 17, 1998, the Registry staff received a sworn statement from Mr. Jones explaining the circumstances for the late filing of the third quarter campaign financial disclosure report.

March 2, 1998

Gail Vaughn Ashworth
NationsBank Plaza
Nashville, TN 37219

Dear Gail:

Please find enclosed the agenda for our March 9 meeting. As you can see, we do not have that much scheduled for next Monday at this time.

We still have not received the opinion requested from the Attorney General, which would answer our questions relating to the sworn complaint filed by the State Democratic Party against the Republican Party.

If you need any additional information in preparation for next Monday's meeting, please let us know.

Sincerely,

Peggy Nance Williams
Executive Director

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Enclosure