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Re: PDC Case Number 177116

International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers
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Dear Compliance Officer Blacksmith,

I hope this formal response addresses any remaining questions related to PDC Case Number 177116, but if not, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Why did Southwest WA Electricians PAC 48 of WA (PAC 48 of WA) not amend its committee name to include its sponsored name sooner?

PAC 48 of WA did not realize that amending the committee name was required because IBEW Local 48 provided 80% or more of its contributions. Now that the organization is aware, we intend to maintain the appropriate committee name and make timely updates if appropriate.

Why were five (5) reports in 2025 late?

PAC 48 of WA did not participate in the February and April Special Elections, and therefore was incorrectly using the accelerated reporting schedule. The organization will check its settings in ORCA to ensure it is using the correct deadlines for the 2025 General Election and hopefully avoid any further deadline issues. Additionally, I became aware of a life-threatening medical condition in January of this year which required surgery, as well as additional treatment that is still ongoing. Although I am recovering, this illness has had a significant impact on my ability to work. Nevertheless, I understand the importance of timely reporting and am committed to ensuring the organization remains in compliance.

Did PAC 48 of WA participate in the 2025 February and/or April Special Elections?

As mentioned above, PAC 48 of WA did not participate in these special elections.

What was the purpose of the 4/28 contribution to the WA State Labor Council?

This was for sponsorship of the 2024 Washington State Labor Council Convention. PAC 48 of WA committed to being a sponsor of the event last year, but the invoice requesting payment did not make it to me and was therefore overlooked. Once I became aware of the oversight, PAC 48 of WA sent in the contribution.

Thank you for taking the time to help me understand PAC 48 of WA's reporting issues so the organization could get back into compliance; it is greatly appreciated. I was wondering if the PDC provides any formal training, either in person or virtually? I am committed to meeting all PDC requirements and will continue to promptly address any complaints, but additional education would be beneficial to avoid future errors. Thank you in advance for any suggestions you can provide.

Sincerely,

Tracey Powers
Financial Assistant
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