

#### FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

## PRESIDENTIAL COMMITTEES

December 27, 2013

## **CURRENT REPORT DUE:**

## **QUARTERLY & MONTHLY FILERS**

REPORT	CLOSE OF BOOKS <sup>1</sup>	REG./CERT. & OVERNIGHT MAILING DEADLINE	FILING DEADLINE
Year-End	12/31/13	01/31/14	01/31/14

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See Page 2 for 2014 Reporting Schedule

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## **LOOKING AHEAD TO 2014**

### **QUARTERLY FILING SCHEDULE**

REPORT	CLOSE OF BOOKS <sup>1</sup>	REG./CERT. & OVERNIGHT MAILING DEADLINE	FILING DEADLINE
April Quarterly	03/31/14	04/15/14	04/15/14
July Quarterly	06/30/14	07/15/14	07/15/14
October Quarterly	09/30/14	10/15/14	10/15/14
Year-End	12/31/14	01/31/15	$01/31/15^{2}$

## MONTHLY FILING SCHEDULE

REPORT	CLOSE OF BOOKS <sup>1</sup>	REG./CERT. & OVERNIGHT MAILING DEADLINE	FILING DEADLINE
February	01/31/14	02/20/14	02/20/14
March	02/28/14	03/20/14	03/20/14
April	03/31/14	04/20/14	$04/20/14^{2}$
May	04/30/14	05/20/14	05/20/14
June	05/31/14	06/20/14	06/20/14
July	06/30/14	07/20/14	$07/20/14^{\frac{2}{}}$
August	07/31/14	08/20/14	08/20/14
September	08/31/14	09/20/14	$09/20/14^{\frac{2}{2}}$
October	09/30/14	10/20/14	10/20/14
November	10/31/14	11/20/14	11/20/14
December	11/30/14	12/20/14	$12/20/14^{\frac{2}{}}$
Year-End	12/31/14	01/31/15	$01/31/15^{2}$

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Notice that this filing deadline falls on a weekend or federal holiday. 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.

# 2013 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 principal campaign committees of current and former Presidential candidates <sup>1</sup> must file either Quarterly or Monthly reports in 2013. See <u>11 CFR 104.5(a)</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). See also 11 CFR 104.18 and 100.19.

• Web Page: <u>Electronic Filing Page</u>

#### **Paper Filing - Meeting the Filing Deadline**

Paper Report filing options -- Registered, Certified or Overnight or First Class Mail. See 11 CFR 104.5(e). See also 11 CFR 100.19.

• Web Page: Link to Paper Forms (for downloading and printing)

#### 2013 REPORTING SCHEDULE

- Web Page: 2013 Reporting Dates Page
- The *Record*:
  - o FEC *Record* Blog: Reporting
  - o January 2013 Reporting Article [PDF]

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> 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). See also 11 CFR 104.5(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). <sup>2</sup> See generally, <u>11 CFR Part 111 Subpart B</u>. See <u>11 CFR 111.43(b)</u>. See also 11 CFR 111.43.

• Web Page: Administrative Fine Program Page

## 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 \$17,100 during the applicable reporting period (<u>see page 1 of this notice</u>). See 11 CFR 104.22(b) and 11 CFR 110.17(e)(2).

- The *Record*: March 2009 issue [PDF]
- Candidate Guide, Appendix F, pp. 155-161 [PDF]

#### **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 before filing reports under the new filing schedule. Committees 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

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Penalties for late- or non-filing of 48-hour notices are based on the amount of contributions received that are not timely disclosed. As a result, these penalties may exceed \$17,600, even for first-time violations. See <u>11 CFR 111.44</u>.