

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

EMILY’S LIST,)	
)	
Plaintiff,)	Civ. No. 05-0049 (CKK)
)	
v.)	
)	
FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION,)	NOTICE
)	
Defendant.)	

**DEFENDANT FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION’S
NOTICE OF FILING OF THE CERTIFIED ADMINISTRATIVE RECORD
FROM THE COMMISSION’S RECENT RULEMAKING ON POLITICAL
COMMITTEE STATUS**

The defendant Federal Election Commission (“Commission” or “FEC”) submits the Certified Administrative Record from the Commission’s recent Political Committee Status rulemaking. This rulemaking culminated in final rules, which became effective on January 1, 2005. See Notice 2004-15, 69 Fed. Reg. 68,056 (Nov. 23, 2004).¹

1. Attached is an index, certified by the Secretary of the Commission, listing the major documents in the Commission’s Political Committee Status rulemaking. The documents are listed chronologically, with the URL for each web-posted document.

An electronic copy of the index also appears on the accompanying CD-ROM (“AR Disk 1”). Each entry is linked to the first page of an electronic copy of the referenced document. Documents can be viewed by clicking on the link provided.

¹ The Certified Administrative Record submitted herewith supersedes the uncertified administrative record that the Commission filed on February 11, 2005. The instant record includes 21 documents that were either previously presented in different format on the Commission’s website or not previously available on that site, as well as two databases of voluminous e-mail comments that were previously only provided to the Court via a link to the Commission’s website.

2. The Commission also submits four (4) additional CD-ROMs (“AR Disk 2” through “AR Disk 5”), which contain more than 130,000 additional electronic mail messages received by the Commission in connection with this rulemaking.

These messages are from two electronic mail databases, PCS1 and PCS2. Within each database, messages were sorted alphabetically by the sender’s name or email address, whichever appears first in the message header. Names or email addresses beginning with the same first letter were printed to a single Acrobat file, designated by the prefix “PCS1-” or “PCS2-” followed by the letter of the alphabet. (Names or email addresses beginning with a number or a symbol were printed to similar files designated “PCS1-other” and “PCS2-other”).²

To view these email messages, click on the desired link, then scroll through the Adobe Acrobat file. These messages are full-text searchable. Users can conduct simple searches by using the “Find” function (Ctrl+F). For Adobe Acrobat 5.x users, each CD contains an Acrobat Catalog for searching the entire CD (or multiple CDs). For faster

² These electronic messages include many substantive comments, as well as “spam,” virus and error messages. Non-text attachments (file extensions ending in *.gif, *.jpeg, *.pif, *.vcf, etc.) are indicated, but the attached files are not included. (Messages with attachments in Microsoft Word (*.doc) or Adobe Acrobat (*.pdf) formats were sorted separately, indexed and appear on AR Disk 1.)

All these email messages are publicly available on the Commission’s web site at http://www.fec.gov/pdf/nprm/political_comm_status/comments.shtml (click on “Comments Submitted By Email”).

file access (and to simultaneously search multiple CDs), users can copy the contents of this disk to the their local or network drive.

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