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(c) *Contributions made in a nonelection year.* (1) For the purposes of this section, *nonelection year* means a year other than the calendar year in which a particular election is held.

(2) For purposes of this section, any contribution to a candidate or his or her authorized committee with respect to a particular election made in a nonelection year shall be considered to be made during the calendar year in which such election is held.

(3) For purposes of this section, any contribution to an unauthorized committee which is made in a nonelection year shall not be considered to be made during the calendar year in which an election is held unless:

(i) The political committee is a single candidate committee which has supported or anticipates supporting the candidate; or

(ii) The contribution is earmarked by the contributor for a particular candidate with respect to a particular election.

(d) *Independent expenditures.* The annual limitation on contributions in this section applies to contributions made to persons, including political committees, making independent expenditures under 11 CFR part 109.

(e) *Contributions to delegates and delegate committees.* The annual limitation on contributions in this section applies to contributions to delegates and delegate committees under 11 CFR 110.14.

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### § 110.6 Earmarked contributions (2 U.S.C. 441a(a)(8)).

(a) *General.* All contributions by a person made on behalf of or to a candidate, including contributions which are in any way earmarked or otherwise directed to the candidate through an intermediary or conduit, are contributions from the person to the candidate.

(b) *Definitions.* (1) For purposes of this section, *earmarked* means a designation, instruction, or encumbrance, whether direct or indirect, express or implied, oral or written, which results in all or any part of a contribution or expenditure being made to, or expended on behalf of, a clearly identified candidate or a candidate's authorized committee.

(2) For purposes of this section, *conduit or intermediary* means any person who receives and forwards an earmarked contribution to a candidate or a candidate's authorized committee, except as provided in paragraph (b)(2)(i) of this section.

(i) For purposes of this section, the following persons shall not be considered to be conduits or intermediaries:

(A) An individual who is an employee or a full-time volunteer working for the candidate's authorized committee, provided that the individual is not acting in his or her capacity as a representative of an entity prohibited from making contributions;

(B) A fundraising representative conducting joint fundraising with the candidate's authorized committee pursuant to 11 CFR 102.17 or 9034.8;

(C) An affiliated committee, as defined in 11 CFR 100.5(g);

(D) A commercial fundraising firm retained by the candidate or the candidate's authorized committee to assist in fundraising; and

(E) An individual who is expressly authorized by the candidate or the candidate's authorized committee to engage in fundraising, and who occupies a significant position within the candidate's campaign organization, provided that the individual is not acting in his or her capacity as a representative of an entity prohibited from making contributions.

(ii) Any person who is prohibited from making contributions or expenditures in connection with an election for Federal office shall be prohibited from acting as a conduit for contributions earmarked to candidates or their authorized committees. The provisions of this section shall not restrict the ability of an organization or committee to serve as a collecting agent for a separate segregated fund pursuant to 11 CFR 102.6.

(iii) Any person who receives an earmarked contribution shall forward such earmarked contribution to the candidate or authorized committee in accordance with 11 CFR 102.8, except that—

(A) A fundraising representative shall follow the joint fundraising procedures set forth at 11 CFR 102.17.

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(B) A person who is prohibited from acting as a conduit pursuant to paragraph (b)(2)(ii) of this section shall return the earmarked contribution to the contributor.

(c) *Reporting of earmarked contributions—(1) Reports by conduits and intermediaries.* (i) The intermediary or conduit of the earmarked contribution shall report the original source and the recipient candidate or authorized committee to the Commission or the Secretary of the Senate, as appropriate (see 11 CFR part 105), and to the recipient candidate or authorized committee.

(ii) The report to the Commission or Secretary shall be included in the conduit's or intermediary's report for the reporting period in which the earmarked contribution was received, or, if the conduit or intermediary is not required to report under 11 CFR part 104, by letter to the Commission within thirty days after forwarding the earmarked contribution.

(iii) The report to the recipient candidate or authorized committee shall be made when the earmarked contribution is forwarded to the recipient candidate or authorized committee pursuant to 11 CFR 102.8.

(iv) The report by the conduit or intermediary shall contain the following information:

(A) The name and mailing address of each contributor and, for each earmarked contribution in excess of \$200, the contributor's occupation and the name of his or her employer;

(B) The amount of each earmarked contribution, the date received by the conduit, and the intended recipient as designated by the contributor; and

(C) The date each earmarked contribution was forwarded to the recipient candidate or authorized committee and whether the earmarked contribution was forwarded in cash or by the contributor's check or by the conduit's check.

(v) For each earmarked contribution passed through the conduit's or intermediary's account, the information specified in paragraph (c)(1)(iv) (A) through (C) of this section shall be itemized on the appropriate schedules of receipts and disbursements attached to the conduit's or intermediary's re-

port, or shall be disclosed by letter, as appropriate. For each earmarked contribution forwarded in the form of the contributor's check or other written instrument, the information specified in paragraph (c)(1)(iv) (A) through (C) of this section shall be disclosed as a memo entry on the appropriate schedules of receipts and disbursements attached to the conduit's or intermediary's report, or shall be disclosed by letter, as appropriate.

(2) *Reports by recipient candidates and authorized committees.* (i) The recipient candidate or authorized committee shall report each conduit or intermediary who forwards one or more earmarked contributions which in the aggregate exceed \$200 in any calendar year.

(ii) The report by the recipient candidate or authorized committee shall contain the following information:

(A) The identification of the conduit or intermediary, as defined in 11 CFR 100.12;

(B) The total amount of earmarked contributions received from the conduit or intermediary and the date of receipt; and

(C) The information required under 11 CFR 104.3(a) (3) and (4) for each earmarked contribution which in the aggregate exceeds \$200 in any calendar year.

(iii) The information specified in paragraph (c)(2)(ii) (A) through (C) of this section shall be itemized on Schedule A attached to the report for the reporting period in which the earmarked contribution is received.

(d) *Direction or control.* (1) A conduit's or intermediary's contribution limits are not affected by the forwarding of an earmarked contribution except where the conduit or intermediary exercises any direction or control over the choice of the recipient candidate.

(2) If a conduit or intermediary exercises any direction or control over the choice of the recipient candidate, the earmarked contribution shall be considered a contribution by both the original contributor and the conduit or intermediary. If the conduit or intermediary exercises any direction or control over the choice of the recipient candidate, the report filed by the conduit or intermediary and the report

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filed by the recipient candidate or authorized committee shall indicate that the earmarked contribution is made by both the original contributor and the conduit or intermediary, and that the entire amount of the contribution is attributed to each.

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### § 110.7 Party committee expenditure limitations (2 U.S.C. 441a(d)).

(a)(1) The national committee of a political party may make expenditures in connection with the general election campaign of any candidate for President of the United States affiliated with the party.

(2) The expenditures shall not exceed an amount equal to 2 cents multiplied by the voting age population of the United States.

(3) Any expenditure under this paragraph (a) shall be in addition to—

(i) Any expenditure by a national committee of a political party serving as the principal campaign committee of a candidate for President of the United States; and

(ii) Any contribution by the national committee to the candidate permissible under § 110.1 or § 110.2.

(4) The national committee of a political party may make expenditures authorized by this section through any designated agent, including State and subordinate party committees.

(5) The national committee of a political party may not make independent expenditures (see part 109) in connection with the general election campaign of a candidate for President of the United States.

(6) Any expenditures made by the national, state and subordinate committees of a political party pursuant to 11 CFR 110.7(a) on behalf of that party's Presidential candidate shall not count against the candidate's expenditure limitations under 11 CFR 110.8.

(b)(1) The national committee of a political party, and a State committee of a political party, including any subordinate committee of a State committee, may each make expenditures in connection with the general election campaign of a candidate for Federal office in that State who is affiliated with the party.

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(2) The expenditures shall not exceed—

(i) In the case of a candidate for election to the office of Senator, or of Representative from a State which is entitled to only one Representative, the greater of—

(A) Two cents multiplied by the voting age population of the State; or

(B) Twenty thousand dollars; and

(ii) In the case of a candidate for election to the office of Representative, Delegate, or Resident Commissioner in any other State, \$10,000.

(3) Any expenditure under paragraph (b) shall be in addition to any contribution by a committee to the candidate permissible under § 110.1 or § 110.2.

(c) For limitation purposes, State committee includes subordinate State committees. State committees and subordinate State committees combined shall not exceed the limits in paragraph (b)(2) of this section. To ensure compliance with the limitations, the State committee shall administer the limitation in one of the following ways:

(1) The State central committee shall be responsible for insuring that the expenditures of the entire party organization are within the limitations, including receiving reports from any subordinate committee making expenditures under paragraph (b) of this section, and filing consolidated reports showing all expenditures in the State with the Commission; or

(2) Any other method, submitted in advance and approved by the Commission which permits control over expenditures.

(d) Timing. Party committees may make coordinated expenditures in connection with the general election campaign before their candidates have been nominated. All pre-nomination coordinated expenditures shall be subject to the coordinated expenditure limitations of this section, whether or not the candidate with whom they are coordinated receives the party's nomination.

(2 U.S.C. 438(a)(8), 441a, 441d, 441e, 441f, 441g, 441h, 441i)

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