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Re: Advisory Opinion 14-1985

Dear Ms. Boccher:

I have been requested by the New Jersey Election Law Enforcement Commission to respond to your letter dated July 25, 1985.

(1) If Sea-Land does not make contributions in the aggregate in excess of \$10,000 during any election then Sea-Land Corporation is not a "political committee". The definition of "political committee" as set forth in N.J.A.C. 19:25-1.7 states:

"Political committee does not include:

1. A "continuing political committee" as defined above.

2. A contributor not involved in fund raising or other election-related activity does not become a political committee solely by virtue of having made a contribution with respect to a candidate or public question, unless the aggregate amount of contributions during any calendar year exceed \$10,000.00.

3. . . ."

(The language of paragraph 2 of the definition of Political Committee, quoted above, presently refers to "contributions during any calendar year". That language is in the process of being changed to read "contributions during any election.")

(2) If Sea-Land Corporation does make contributions in the aggregate in excess of \$10,000.00 in any election, then it would become a political committee, unless it qualifies, by virtue of ongoing political activity, as a continuing political committee under N.J.A.C. 19:25-1.7. In that event Sea-Land would be a Peripheral Purpose Continuing Political Committee under N.J.A.C. 19:25-4.5(c)(3). It would then have the obligation of filing a statement of organization (Form CPC-1) under N.J.A.C. 19:25-4.6(p). There would be no further reporting obligation in the absence of notification by the Commission of a filing obligation, if any.

Very truly yours,

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