

JOSEPH D. DESHOTEL

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Kathryn Ross
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Federal Election Commission
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Re: MUR 7594 Joseph Deshotel Campaign

Dear Ms. Ross,

Thank you for bringing this to my attention. I was approached by a colleague on the floor of the Texas House of Representatives informing me that a complaint had been filed regarding an alleged foreign contribution. He informed me that an attorney would provide an answer for the group of us in the complaint for \$1,000 each. A few weeks passed and I inquired as to when we needed to pay and was told he would get back to me.

I never heard anything else until I received the attached letter from Enbridge, the contributor alleged to be a foreign entity. Once reading this letter I felt convinced that the complaint must have been resolved and that's why I was never asked to pay any attorney fees. Seems on its face that Enbridge is in compliance with Federal Election laws.

By this letter and the following Affidavit I deny being in violation of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971:

State of Texas
County of Harris

AFFIDAVIT OF COMPLIANCE

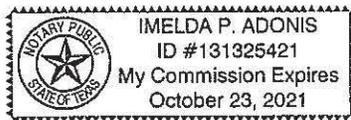
COMES NOW Joseph D Deshotel and upon his oath states:

My name is Joseph D Deshotel, I currently serve in the Texas State Legislature and at some point, in the past campaign season I received a campaign contribution from Enbridge DCP Political Action Committee formally known as Spectra Energy Corporation Political Action Committee.

I did not believe or have reason to believe, nor do I now believe that contributions from Enbridge are in violation of Federal Election laws. Therefore, based upon this Affidavit and the attached letter from Enbridge I deny any wrongdoing and ask that this complaint be dismissed with prejudice.


Joseph D. Deshotel

Sworn to and Acknowledged before me this 28th day of June 2019, by Joseph D. Deshotel.




Notary Public
State of Texas



Enbridge DCP PAC
5400 Westheimer Court
Houston, Texas 77056

May 3, 2019

Joe Deshotel Campaign
1310 Calvin Drive
Beaumont, TX 77707

Re: Complaint filed with the Federal Election Commission by Alexander Austin with respect to Enbridge-DCP PAC – MUR 7594

To whom it may concern:

As you may be aware, Alexander Austin, an individual residing in Colorado, has submitted a complaint to the Federal Election Commission (FEC) with respect to Enbridge (U.S.) Inc. Political Action Committee (Enbridge-DCP PAC) (which was formerly known as Spectra Energy Corp Political Action Committee (Spectra-DCP PAC)).

The complaint is focused on the fact that Enbridge (U.S.) Inc., which sponsors Enbridge-DCP PAC, is a subsidiary of Enbridge Inc., a Canadian company.

Enbridge Inc. is a Canadian corporation with its common shares publically traded on the Toronto and New York stock exchanges under the symbol "ENB." Enbridge Inc. is one of North America's largest energy infrastructure companies with strategic business platforms (owned and operated through its subsidiaries) that include an extensive network of crude oil, liquids and natural gas pipelines, regulated natural gas distribution utilities and renewable power generation assets. Enbridge (U.S.) Inc. is a Delaware corporation and a wholly owned subsidiary of Enbridge Inc. Enbridge (U.S.) Inc.'s principal place of business is located in Houston, Texas, and, through its subsidiaries, has approximately 3,500 employees in the U.S., who safely maintain and operate Enbridge's assets across 41 U.S. states.

Please be assured that the operations of the Enbridge-DCP PAC are in full compliance with federal law and regulations, which allow the U.S. subsidiaries of foreign companies to sponsor PACs, have such PACs solicit contributions from eligible U.S. citizens and green card holders, and have such PACs make contributions to U.S. political committees. Many U.S. subsidiaries of foreign companies sponsor PACs and engage in such activities. The law is clear in this area, and we are confident the complaint will be dismissed.

Unfortunately, the complaint identified not only the Enbridge-DCP PAC but also many of the federal and state political committees to which the Enbridge-DCP PAC made contributions to over several years. This included your committee, and the FEC was therefore obligated to notify your committee of the complaint. You likely received a letter from Jeff Jordan, the FEC's Assistant General Counsel, in recent days.

As the letter explains, at this preliminary stage the FEC is given an opportunity to determine if there is any reason to believe that a possible violation has occurred. Only if the FEC reach that conclusion would the FEC open an investigation into the matter.

Enbridge (U.S.) Inc. will respond to the complaint on our behalf and seek to demonstrate that there is no reason for the FEC to believe that any violation has occurred. Other parties mentioned in the complaint, including your committee, are provided a chance to respond at this preliminary stage too, but a response is not required. If your committee chooses to respond, as the letter explains, your committee may request an extension of the 15-day response deadline referenced in the letter.

If you have any questions about this matter, please feel free to contact me at (303) 605-1618 or bfox@dcpmidstream.com.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bret Fox", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Bret Fox
Vice President Government Affairs
DCP Midstream