

BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

In the Matter of)
) MUR 6661
Robert E. Murray; Murray Energy)
Corporation; Murray Energy Corporation)
PAC and Michael G. Ruble in his official)
capacity as treasurer)

CERTIFICATION

I, Shelley E. Garr, recording secretary of the Federal Election Commission executive session, do hereby certify that on April 12, 2016, the Commission took the following actions in the above-captioned matter:

1. Failed by a vote of 3-3 to:
 - a. Find reason to believe that Robert E. Murray and Murray Energy Corporation violated 52 U.S.C. §§ 30118(a) and 11 C.F.R. § 114.2(f) by coercing Murray Energy employees to make contributions to federal candidates and participate in fundraising activities supporting federal candidates.
 - b. Find reason to believe that Murray Energy Corporation PAC and Michael G. Ruble in his official capacity as treasurer violated 52 U.S.C. § 30118(b)(3)(A) and 11 C.F.R. § 114.5(a)(1).
 - c. Find reason to believe that Murray Energy Corporation violated 52 U.S.C. §§ 30122 and 30118 by reimbursing employee contributions with corporate funds.
 - d. Direct the Office of General Counsel to draft a Factual and Legal Analysis consistent with that finding.
 - e. Authorize an investigation, including the use of compulsory process as necessary.
 - f. Approve the appropriate letters.

Commissioners Ravel, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the motion.

Commissioners Goodman, Hunter, and Petersen dissented.

2. Failed by a vote of 3-3 to:
- a. Find reason to believe that Robert E. Murray and Murray Energy Corporation violated 52 U.S.C. §§ 30118(a) and 11 C.F.R. §§ 114.2(f) by coercing Murray Energy employees to make contributions to federal candidates and participate in fundraising activities supporting federal candidates.
 - b. Find reason to believe that Murray Energy Corporation PAC and Michael G. Ruble in his official capacity as treasurer violated 52 U.S.C. §§ 30118(b)(3)(A) and 11 C.F.R. §§ 114.5(a)(1).
 - c. Take no action at this time as to whether any of the respondents violated 52 U.S.C. §§ 30122 or 30118 by reimbursing employee contributions with corporate funds.
 - d. Approve the Factual and Legal Analysis, as recommended in the First General Counsel's Report dated February 1, 2016.
 - e. Authorize an investigation, including the use of compulsory process as necessary.
 - f. Approve the appropriate letters.

Commissioners Ravel, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the motion.

Commissioners Goodman, Hunter, and Petersen dissented.

3. Decided by a vote of 5-1 to:
- a. Close the file.
 - b. Send the appropriate letters.

Commissioners Goodman, Hunter, Petersen, Ravel, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision. Commissioner Walther dissented.

Attest:

April 14, 2016
Date

Shelley E. Garr
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Deputy Secretary of the Commission