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### LOBBYING REPORT

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| 1. Registrant Name<br><b>James Nicholas Ashmore &amp; Associates</b>   |                                  |  |                                  |  |
| 2. Address <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Check if different than previously reported<br><b>1156 15th Street NW Suite 315 Washington, DC 20005-1704</b> |                                  |  |                                  |  |
| 3. Principal Place of Business (if different from line 2)<br>City: _____ State/Zip (or Country): _____   |                                  |  |                                  |  |
| 4. Contact Name<br><b>Sandra Gutierrez</b>   | Telephone<br><b>202-452-1003</b> | E-mail (optional)<br><b>mcaden@erols.com</b> | 5. Senate ID #<br><b>4391-51</b> |  |
| 7. Client Name <input type="checkbox"/> Self<br><b>National Rural Telecom Assn</b>   | 6. House ID #<br><b>33246002</b> |  |                                  |  |

TYPE OF REPORT 8. Year 2000 Midyear (January 1-June 30)  OR Year End (July 1-December 31)

9. Check if this filing amends a previously filed version of this report

10. Check if this is a Termination Report  => Termination Date \_\_\_\_\_ 11. No Lobbying Activity

| INCOME OR EXPENSES - Complete Either Line 12 OR Line 13.  |   |
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| <p><b>12. Lobbying Firms</b></p> <p>INCOME relating to lobbying activities for this reporting period was:</p> <p>Less than \$10,000 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>\$10,000 or more <input type="checkbox"/> =&gt; \$ _____<br/> <small>Income (nearest \$20,000)</small></p> <p>Provide a good faith estimate, rounded to the nearest \$20,000, of all lobbying related income from the client (including all payments to the registrant by any other entity for lobbying activities on behalf of the client).</p> | <p><b>13. Organizations</b></p> <p>EXPENSES relating to lobbying activities for this reporting period were:</p> <p>Less than \$10,000 <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>\$10,000 or more <input type="checkbox"/> =&gt; \$ _____<br/> <small>Expenses (nearest \$20,000)</small></p> <p><b>14. REPORTING METHOD.</b> Check box to indicate expense accounting method. See instructions for description of options.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Method A. Reporting amounts using LDA definitions only</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Method B. Reporting amounts under section 6033(b)(8) of the Internal Revenue Code</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Method C. Reporting amounts under section 162(e) of the Internal Revenue Code</p> |

Signature James Nicholas Ashmore, president 2/9/01

Printed Name and Title James Nicholas Ashmore, President

Registrant Name James N. Ashmore & Assoc Client Name National Rural Telecom Assn

**LOBBYING ACTIVITY.** Select as many codes as necessary to reflect the general issue areas in which the registrant engaged in lobbying on behalf of the client during the reporting period. Using a separate page for each code, provide information as requested. Attach additional page(s) as needed.

15. General issue area code AGR (one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues

Administration proposal to change the rural telephone bank of the rural utilities service into a performance based organization and treatment of rural telephone bank in House (HR 4461) and Senate (S 2536) versions making appropriations for the Department of Agriculture for year 2000. (Public Law 106-387).

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies contacted  Check if None

- House of Representatives
- Department of Agriculture, Office of the Secretary
- Department of Agriculture, Office of the General Counsel
- Rural Utilities Service
- Office of management and budget

18. Name of each individual who acted as a lobbyist in this issue area

| Name                               | Covered Official Position (if applicable) | New                      |
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19. Interest of each foreign entity in the specific issues listed on line 16 above  Check if None

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**Information Update Page - Complete ONLY where registration information has changed.**

20. Client new address

N/A

21. Client new principal place of business (if different from line 20)

City

State/Zip (or Country)

22. New general description of client's business or activities

N/A

**LOBBYIST UPDATE**

23. Name of each previously reported individual who is no longer expected to act as a lobbyist for the client

**ISSUE UPDATE**

24. General lobbying issues previously reported that no longer pertain

N/A

**AFFILIATED ORGANIZATIONS**

25. Add the following affiliated organization(s)

| Name       | Address | Principal Place of Business<br>(city and state or country) |
|------------|---------|--|
| <u>N/A</u> |         |  |

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**FOREIGN ENTITIES**

27. Add the following foreign entities

| Name       | Address | Principal place of business<br>(city and state or country) | Amount of contribution<br>for lobbying activities | Ownership<br>percentage in<br>client |
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Proposed regulations issued by Bureau of Land Management, Department of Interior relating to access across federal lands. Interest pertained to the implication of proposed regulations to borrowers from the Rural Telephone Bank.

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