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LOBBYING REPORT

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1. Registrant Name International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers			
2. Address ☐ Check if different than previously reported 1125 15th Street, N.W.			
3. Principal Place of Business (if different from line 2) City: Washington DC State/Zip (or Country) 20005			
4. Contact Name Rick Diegel		Telephone 202/728-6041	E-mail (optional) Rick.Diegel@ibew.org
5. Senate ID # 19822-12		6. House ID # 31118000	
7. Client Name ☒ Self			

TYPE OF REPORT 8. Year 1999 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

12. Lobbying Firms	13. Organizations
INCOME relating to lobbying activities for this reporting period was:	EXPENSES relating to lobbying activities for this reporting period were:
Less than \$10,000 ☐	Less than \$10,000 ☐
\$10,000 or more ☐ ⇨ \$ _____ Income (nearest \$20,000)	\$10,000 or more ☐ ⇨ \$ <u>200,000</u> Expenses (nearest \$20,000)
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).	14. REPORTING METHOD. Check box to indicate expense accounting method. See instructions for description of options. ☒ Method A. Reporting amounts using LDA definitions only ☐ Method B. Reporting amounts under section 6033(b)(8) of the Internal Revenue Code ☐ Method C. Reporting amounts under section 162(e) of the Internal Revenue Code

Signature

Rick Diegel

Printed Name and Title RICK DIEGEL, DIRECTOR - POLITICAL/LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT

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

16. Specific lobbying issues

The IBEW expressed our strong preference for the retransmission consent provisions of the Senate bill, the *Satellite Television Act of 1999* (S. 303).

In our view, the Act should contain language which introduces full competition to the cable industry as soon as possible and contains full must carry obligations by January 1, 2002. A final bill should also allow for retransmission consent agreements between satellite companies and local stations free of any intrusion from the government. The Senate bill, the *Satellite Television Act of 1999* (S. 303), accomplishes this important public policy objective while the House bill falls short. Local stations need to be able to negotiate such agreements in the private marketplace in order to remain financially viable. (6/24/99 ltr. to Conferees).

Other bill references: H.R. 1554

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

U.S. House and U.S. Senate

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

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

16. Specific lobbying issues

Section 415 of the Internal Revenue Code limits the retirement benefits that a multi-employer pension plan can pay to a covered worker in two ways.

1.) The "dollar limit," which, although indexed for inflation, sharply reduces "early" retirement benefits. Since many IBEW members begin construction work at a young age, and the work is extremely physical, they may need to retire after 30 years in the trade and could only be 50 years old. Their retirement may be earlier than most, but they should not be penalized by capping their benefits at \$41,000 annually. 2.) The "compensation-based limit," drives down the worker's income average. The calculation for average annual compensation is based on the worker's three highest paid consecutive years. In the construction trade, workers' pay may fluctuate with the work availability, and seldom do they have three high-paid years in a row.

IBEW supports legislation to amend Section 415(b)(2)(F) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to take care of the problematic restrictions.

Bill references: IBEW supports H.R. 1102, H.R. 1287 and S. 741

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16. Specific lobbying issues

Over 10,000 steelworkers nationwide have been laid off or lost their jobs as steel companies are forced into bankruptcy. Thousands have seen their work hours and paychecks cut. The cause of the current crisis is an unprecedented flood of foreign steel imports, much of which has been illegally dumped in the U.S. market by foreign countries in violation of our antidumping and trade laws. The IBEW believes H. R. 975 is vital to preserving the competitiveness of the domestic steel industry and the livelihood of American workers. H.R. 975 will 1.) institute quotas, tariff surcharges, negotiated enforceable voluntary restraint agreements, and other measures to control the volume of steel imports. 2.) establish a steel import notification, monitoring, and certificate program to enforce U.S. antidumping and trade laws. 3.) improve dissemination of steel trade data to enable the industry, labor, and government to respond more effectively to surges in steel product imports.

Steel is a vital commodity to our national defense. It is American-made steel crafted by American workers that goes into our Navy ships, aircraft, tanks, trucks, and weaponry used by our military. America simply cannot afford to allow this industry to disappear and then become reliant upon foreign countries such as Russia, Brazil, Japan and others for our steel needs. (3/9/99 ltr.)

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16. Specific lobbying issues

The Satellite Viewer Act legislation is attempting to increase competition in the cable television industry by allowing satellite companies to offer all customers their favorite local TV newscasts and shows ("local-to-local"). The current law prohibits satellite companies from transmitting distant network stations to customers who can receive their local stations with rooftop antennas. The local broadcast stations then have the ability to negotiate contracts with the companies in exchange for the signal. The IBEW represents thousands of workers employed at local broadcast stations around the country. We are concerned that any change in the law that puts our employers at a disadvantage could impact IBEW jobs.

Local stations should have the right to negotiate retransmission consent agreements with satellite carriers free from intrusion from the government. This would ensure the continued viability of the free, over-the-air broadcast system which is of great importance to the public and union workers.

Bill References: H.R. 1027; H.R. 851; H.R. 1554; S. 303

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

16. Specific lobbying issues

IBEW (member of the Alliance to Protect Electricity Consumers) took part in a Congressional luncheon briefing on electricity deregulation on February 25, 1999. The purpose of the briefing was to explain the nuts and bolts of the electricity industry; the complex system of wires, substations, and transformers with regard to power outages.

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16. Specific lobbying issues

We have seen examples of what happens to reliability when qualified workers are not there to maintain the system. Utilities believe that to be competitive they must cut costs. In fact, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's figures show that employment in the electric utility industry has declined by nearly one third since 1990. Maintenance programs are slashed along with workers, so that when storms occur, getting customers back on line becomes quite a chore. In a Press Release, the IBEW notified Congress to its opposition to Americans for Affordable Electricity's (AAE) newfound religion on reliability by pointing out the basic fallacy of their position for a large-scale utility Deregulation to which the IBEW opposed.

The IBEW will be pressing Congress to ensure that any federal legislation that is passed provides consumers and workers with a safe, reliable, affordable electricity system. Our electricity system is already the most reliable in the world, and we're determined to keep it that way. (Press Release 5/17/99)

Related Bill References: HR 1138, HR 1486, HR 667, HR 1828, HR 1587, HR 2050, S 282, S 516, S 1047, S 1048, S 1226

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

16. Specific lobbying issues

The IBEW took part in a meeting to discuss worker issues as it relates to electricity restructuring. (3/17/99)

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

16. Specific lobbying issues

Federal construction money opens up job opportunities for IBEW members — the tough question is, should this money be subject to the Davis-Bacon Act requirements? We think so. The days of out-right repeal of Davis-Bacon have faded, and we are now looking at a new threat: "Innovative financing." Congress and the federal government are looking at new and "creative" ways to finance construction projects, and often, Davis-Bacon is not part of the discussion. We will be monitoring these subversive attacks on the prevailing wage to make sure IBEW members will still be earning a wage that is consistent with the local economy on federal jobs. The IBEW is asking members of Congress to co-sponsor and support construction bills that contain Davis-Bacon protections. (March 1999 Meetings).

Bill References:

H.R. 1660 was introduced by Representative Charlie Rangel (D-NY) on 5/4/99. SUPPORT

H.R. 1760 was introduced by Representative Nancy Johnson (R-CT) on 5/11/99. SUPPORT

S. 223 was introduced by Frank Lautenberg (D-NJ) on 1/19/99. SUPPORT

Other House proposals include: H.R. 415 introduced by Representative Loretta Sanchez (D-CA) on 1/19/99; H.R. 1648 introduced by Ellen Tauscher (D-CA) on 4/29/99; and more. SUPPORT

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15. General issue area code UT1 (one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues

We believe S. 386 is a reasonable solution to the problem of "private use" restrictions on public power bonds. This issue impacts our members working for our nation's publicly-owned utilities.

S. 386, sponsored by Senator Slade Gorton (R-WA) and Robert Kerrey (D-NE) is a fair approach to dealing with the "private use" issue, and we believe it meets the concerns expressed by private utilities about potentially unfair competitive advantages. Additionally, the bill allows state and local authorities to choose the best options available to them at their level. The IBEW urges support for S. 386.

We are also concerned about proposals to tax state and local government revenues as part of electricity restructuring. These proposals are fundamentally inconsistent with our system of government. Breaching the historical tax immunity between the levels of government would be a serious and dangerous precedent. We reject any such proposals. (5/20/99 ltr.)

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16. Specific lobbying issues

Electricity restructuring is an important legislative issue for consumers as well as electric utility workers. In an effort to educate Congressional Representatives about IBEW concerns, we took part in a joint letter with the Alliance to Protect Electricity Consumers (APEC) (7/1/99).

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