

LOBBYING REPORT

Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 (Section 5) - **All Filers Are Required To Complete This Page**

1. Registrant Name:

INTL BROTHERHOOD OF ELECTRICAL WORKERS

2. Address:

1125 15TH ST NW, WASHINGTON, DC 20005

3. Principal place of business (if different from line 2):

4. Contact Name: RICK DIEGEL

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Senate ID #: 19822-12

House ID #: 31118000

7. Client Name: Self

TYPE OF REPORT

8. Year 2003 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

INCOME relating to lobbying activities for this reporting period was:

Less than \$10,000:

\$10,000 or more: => Income (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).

13. Organizations

EXPENSES relating to lobbying activities for this reporting period were:

Less than \$10,000:

\$10,000 or more: => Expenses (nearest \$20,000): 320,000.00

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

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: COM (one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues:

The IBEW supported the Federal Communication Commission's (FCC) rule on the need to relax the national television ownership cap (limit on how many local stations a television network can own). Federal Communications Commission's decision allows a single company to own TV stations that reach as much as 45% of the national audience. That is a major increase from the 35% cap. (No bill reference).

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies contacted:
Federal Communications Commission (FCC)

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

Name: BURTON, BRUCE
Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A
Name: DIEGEL, RICK
Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A
Name: SHULER, LIZ
Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A

19. Interest of each foreign entity in the specific issues listed on line 16 above. **None**

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15. General issue area code: ENG (one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues:

The IBEW urged a cautious approach to the Energy Policy Act of 2003. The bill(s) contain an objectionable electricity title that would advance failed deregulation policies that have devastated the electric industry and its consumers. The IBEW opposed expansion of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (FERC) authority, objected to the repeal of the Public Utility Holding Company Act (PUHCA), voiced concern about FERC's Standard Market Design (SMD) proposal, and proposed no further disruption of electricity supplies with deregulation. Bill reference: (H.R. 6 and S. 14) [Ltrs. 3/19/03; 4/9/03]

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies contacted:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
SENATE

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

Name: BURTON, BRUCE

Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A

Name: DIEGEL, RICK

Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A

Name: SHULER, LIZ

Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A

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15. General issue area code: ENV (one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues:

The IBEW urged support of the Clean Water Infrastructure Financing Act of 2003. This bill would provide grants to states that in turn would provide loans to construct or renovate wastewater treatment facilities through a Clean Water State Revolving Fund, thus creating hundreds of thousands of jobs. The bill would also incorporate comprehensive federal prevailing wage protections into this legislation. Bill reference: H.R. 20 (Ltr. 3/20/03)

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15. General issue area code: GOV (one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues:

The IBEW opposed the nomination of Miguel Estrada for a lifetime appointment to the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia, because this nominee has refused to answer many questions during his confirmation and gave evasive answers to others. Mr. Estrada has no judicial experience, and the D.C. Appellate Court is extremely important to workers and unions because it hears so many cases involving the National Labor Relations Act (NLRA), Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) and other federal agencies. Congress has vested this court with exclusive or special jurisdiction over cases involving many workplace, consumer protection, civil rights, and environmental statutes. This court is also widely regarded as the most powerful appellate court after the Supreme Court and could be used as stepping-stone to a Supreme Court nomination.

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SENATE

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15. General issue area code: HCR (one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues:

The IBEW opposed the Medicare Prescription Drug bill (S. 1) while urging support of amendments that would strengthen the proposal(s) through uniform coverage available to all, and by eliminating the inequitable treatment of retirees. The prescription drug benefit for seniors is inadequate, unaffordable, and discriminates against retirees that have employer-sponsored health benefits. Seniors would be subject to enormous out-of-pocket costs due to gaps in coverage from Medicare. Other bill reference (H.R. 1). The IBEW opposed asbestos legislation (S. 1125) urging support of a national asbestos trust fund that would provide a fair and timely compensation to victims impaired by asbestos in the construction, telecommunication, utility, manufacturing, railroad and shipbuilding industries. The IBEW objected to language that: Imposes evidentiary burdens that are difficult to meet; establishes restrictive medical criteria that are more stringent than other bankruptcy trusts; sets up inadequate levels of compensation that are far lower than what victims now receive; pre-empts asbestos-related compensation for railroad workers covered by Federal Employers' Liability Act (FELA); creates a new asbestos court with broad, non-reviewable powers; and imposes an absolute cap on companies' liability, leaving workers to bear all the risk if claims projections are exceeded. Ltr. 6/18/03

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15. General issue area code: LBR (one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues:

The IBEW recommended Marsha Smith be appointed commissioner to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC). Ms. Smith is a member of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission (PUC), who exhibits the skills, experience and philosophy that would serve working families well on FERC. Enron's collapse and the western electricity crisis prompted the above mentioned recommendation. (3/10/03 Ltr.) The IBEW opposed changes to the DOD Authorization Bill that would overhaul the workplace rules of civilian employees at the DOD. The bill would strip away already "narrow" collective bargaining rights of union members employed by DOD. Bill Ref. HR 1855/S. 1166; Ltr. 6/6/03 The IBEW opposed an attack on overtime pay on two fronts. 1.) DOL's proposed administrative change to the treatment of overtime pay, by imposing new rules on how employers may compensate employees who tally more than a 40-hour workweek. This would alter rules governing eligibility for overtime pay now protected by the Fair Labor Standards Act. Currently employers are required to pay time-and-a-half to workers. IBEW submitted comment opposing DOL's proposal to cut overtime pay. 2.) IBEW opposed the Family Flexibility Act that offered comp time in lieu of overtime pay, because this type of compensation would invite employer abuse, possibly forcing an employee to take time off involuntarily or limit whether a worker can use the compensatory time at all if it is burdensome to the workload. (HR 1119/S317). The IBEW supported the "Buy American" provisions contained in the House version of the Defense Authorization Bill for Fiscal Year 2004. We asked support of Section 811-829 that required critical items be produced from American-made sources. We opposed Section 833 in the Senate version that waived the domestic source requirements under U.S. manufacture laws. (Bill references: H.R. 1588/S. 1050).

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies contacted:

Defense, Dept of (DOD)
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Labor, Dept of (DOL)
SENATE

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Signature: ON FILE Date: Jun 11, 2003

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