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### LOBBYING REPORT

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

1. Registrant Name <b>CARTER &amp; EIRING, LLC</b>	
2. Address <input type="checkbox"/> Check if different than previously reported <b>1301 K STREET NW SUITE 900 EAST TOWER</b>	
3. Principal Place of Business (if different from line 2) City: <b>WASHINGTON</b> State/Zip (or Country) <b>DC 20005</b>	
4. Contact Name <b>MICHAEL R. CARTER</b>	Telephone <b>202-408-8007</b>
E-mail (optional) <b>mike.carter@ carter-eiring.com</b>	5. Senate ID #
7. Client Name <input type="checkbox"/> Self <b>VORTEX, INC.</b>	6. House ID #

NOT ASSIGNED YET

**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	
<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"/> ⇔ \$ _____ Income (nearest \$20,000)</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"/> ⇔ \$ _____ Expenses (nearest \$20,000)</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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Method C. Reporting amounts under section 162(e) of the Internal Revenue Code</p>

Signature Michael R. Carter

Printed Name and Title MICHAEL R. CARTER (SR. PARTNER)

Registrant Name CARTER FIRING LLC Client Name VORTEX, INC.

**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 DEF (one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues

NAVY AUTHORIZATION / APPROPRIATIONS

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

Check if None

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

Name	Covered Official Position (if applicable)	New
<u>MICHAEL R. CARTER</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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19. Interest of each foreign entity in the specific issues listed on line 16 above

Check if None

Signature Michael R. Carter Date AUG 11, 1999

Printed Name and Title MICHAEL R. CARTER (SR. PARTNER)