

LOBBYING REPORT

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

1. Registrant Name:

INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF ELECTRICAL WORKERS

2. Address:
, WASHINGTON, DC 20001

3. Principal place of business (if different from line 2):
Country: City: State/Zip(or Country):

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 2006 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): 580,000.00

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

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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: ENG (one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues:

The IBEW urged opposition to an amendment to the Coast Guard Reauthorization Bill (H.R. 889) that would ban offshore wind farms from being located within one and a half nautical miles of a shipping channel or ferry route. An amendment proposed during Conference would kill the Cape Wind Offshore Wind Farm Project, a billion dollar plus, job-creating investment in our nation's fledgling alternative energy industry. Ltr. 2/24/06 The IBEW objected to the Putnam-Capps amendment to the Interior Appropriations Bill (H.R. 5386). It would have barred the use of funds in the bill to conduct activities related to any new offshore natural gas leasing along the Outer Continental Shelf. Natural gas prices are more than \$7.00 per million BTU and manufacturing industries consume large amounts of natural gas to power their equipment. It is also used as a raw ingredient in thousands of manufactured goods. U.S. companies, and U.S. workers, are at an unfair competitive disadvantage in the global marketplace. As U.S. government policy pushes up the demand by encouraging new uses for natural gas. Congress is severely restricting access to new supplies. Clearly, action must be taken to reconcile the critical imbalance between supply and demand. Offshore natural gas production is a job issue.

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies contacted:
U.S. House of Representatives and U.S. Senate

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

Name: BURTON, BRUCE
Covered Official Position (if applicable):
Name: DIEGEL, RICK
Covered Official Position (if applicable):
Name: SHULER, LIZ
Covered Official Position (if applicable):
Name: WRIGHT, SHERILYN
Covered Official Position (if applicable):

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: GOV (one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues:

The IBEW urged that no funds be appropriated to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) for an A-76 private/public competitive sourcing study for the operation and maintenance of America's locks and dams. USACE has decided to initiate action that could ultimately lead to the privatization of substantial portions of lock and dam operation and maintenance in this country. The idea that private contractors will ensure vessel compliance with the proper laws and regulations governing U.S. inland waterways is contrary to the public interest. Security of the nation's locks and dams are an essential part of the security of the US; therefore, it would not be prudent to take federal uniformed personnel out of service at a time when this country is engaged in a war on terror. H. Con. Res. 83, Budget, Fiscal 2007 Senate Budget Resolution, Ltr. 03/16/06 IBEW supported legislation HR 5204 Federal Locks and Lock and Dam Facilities Act of 2006, that declares workers, (including IBEW workers), employed by the Army Corps of Engineers on America's Locks and Dams as [inherently governmental] and not subject to privatization, opposing the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' (USACE) decision attempt to privatize these important operations with the government maintaining control through the Lockmaster. Only Lockmasters would remain in federal service. USACE believes that all other positions can be privatized. The problem with this reasoning is that there is at most one Lockmaster at a lock and dam facility, (Lockmasters are responsible for multiple lock and dam facilities). These lock and dam facilities operate twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week. The remaining employees are responsible for running the lock and ensuring vessel compliance with the proper laws and regulations governing U.S. inland waterways. The idea of private contractors being asked to perform these duties is contrary to the public interest.

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

16. Specific lobbying issues:

IBEW urged opposition to S. 1955, Health Insurance Marketplace Modernization and Affordability Act of 2005 that would allow health insurers to bypass state requirements for minimum benefits. That means it could eliminate key benefits in insurance coverage, including cancer screenings, emergency services, mental health care and diabetic supplies. The bill would also encourage discrimination, letting insurers raise premiums based on age, gender, health status. It would price the elderly and the sick out of the insurance market, taking health care coverage away from those who need it most.

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

16. Specific lobbying issues:

The IBEW urged, due to the impact on ratepayers, workers, and communities, the two newly merged companies in the State of Maryland (Baltimore Gas & Electric and Constellation Energy) to adopt a fair and just industrial relations policy and take a position of neutrality with regard to its employees' choice to join a union before any merger is approved. Ltr. 02-06-06. Not related to a federal bill reference. The IBEW opposed the nomination of Richard Stickler to be Assistant Secretary of Labor for Mine Safety and Health. His only experience with enforcement of health and safety standards were his repeated attempts to reduce protections for miners in Pennsylvania. It is illogical to expect a regulatory agency (MSHA) to carry out a mandate to protect miners when it is run by the very mine operators it was designed to regulate. Miners deserve someone leading MSHA who will place mine safety and health as their number one priority. Miners deserve a nomination of someone who will serve as an advocate for miners' safety and health. No bill reference. The IBEW continued to oppose the Department of Defense (DoD) new personnel system, the National Security Personnel System (NSPS), that attacks working families and punishes their own employees, including IBEW members. The issuance of this system contradicts and is an assault on collective bargaining language and employee appeal rights. It treats federal employees as enemy combatants and strips all workers of their rights to unite both in the public and private sector to have a voice in the workplace. IBEW supported the Inslee/Van Hollen Amendment to HR 5631, 2007 Defense Appropriations, that sought to defund parts of NSPS that were declared illegal in Federal District Court. Ltr. 6/13/06. The IBEW continues to support raising the minimum wage through various vehicles, including an appropriations bill, the Fiscal 2007 Labor-HHS-Education Appropriations (H.R. 5647) in the House Appropriations Committee. House Minority Whip Steny Hoyer offered an amendment to raise the minimum wage \$2.10 to \$7.25 an hour by January 1, 2009. The IBEW supported passage of another minimum wage amendment to the Fiscal 2007 Defense Authorization bill (S. 2766) by Sen. Ted Kennedy. It would raise the federal minimum wage to \$5.85 per hour 60 days after the bill's enactment. The minimum wage would increase to \$6.55 per hour 12 months later and to \$7.25 per hour the following year.

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The IBEW urged adoption of the language contained in a provision found in Section 307 of the Pension Protection Act of 2005 (HR 2830). It would restore and strengthen sponsored plans by allowing the continued practice of subrogation rights of multiemployer plans that apply to numerous Taft-Hartley health and welfare plans. Currently, sponsored plans advance payments for health care benefit claims for participants injured off the job. Subrogation allows the plan to collect those advanced payments from the appropriate third party. If multiemployer plans cannot be reimbursed, they may be forced to stop advancing payments in order to protect the plans' fiduciary health.

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Signature: ON FILE Date: Jul 07, 2006

Printed Name and Title: Rick Diegel, Director - Political/Legislative Affa -