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LOBBYING REPORT

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

1. Registrant Name <u>THE National Group</u>			
2. Address <input type="checkbox"/> Check if different than previously reported <u>818 Connecticut Ave NW Suite 1100</u>			
3. Principal Place of Business (if different from line 2) City: <u>Washington</u> State/Zip (or Country) <u>DC 20006</u>			
4. Contact Name <u>John Blount</u>	Telephone <u>202 466 3774</u>	E-mail (optional)	5. Senate ID #
7. Client Name <input type="checkbox"/> Self <u>Bituminous Coal Operations Association</u>	6. House ID # <u>355320</u>		

TYPE OF REPORT 8. Year 2002 Midyear (January 1-June 30) OR Year End (July 1-Dec)

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

INCOME OR EXPENSES - Complete Either Line 12 OR Line 13

<p align="center">12. Lobbying Firms</p> <p>INCOME relating to lobbying activities for this reporting period was:</p> <p>Less than \$10,000 <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>\$10,000 or more <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ⇨ \$ <u>30,000</u> 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 align="center">13. Organizations</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>14. REPORTING METHOD. Check box to indicate accounting method. See instructions for description of</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Method A. Reporting amounts using LDA definit</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Method B. Reporting amounts under section 603 Internal Revenue Code</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Method C. Reporting amounts under section 162 Internal Revenue Code</p>
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Signature

Printed Name and Title

JOHN BLOUNT, PARTNER

Registrant Name The National Group Client Name Bituminous Coal Operations

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

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

16. Specific lobbying issues

Coal act tax

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

House/Senate

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

Name	Covered Official Position (if applicable)
John Blount	Partner
Vince Versage	Partner
Bill Oldaker	Partner
Frank Godfrey	Partner

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

Signature [Signature] Date 8/14/02
Printed Name and Title JOHN BLOUNT, PARTNER

