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The candidate-committee linkage file contains information linking the candidate's information to information about his or her committee.

This file shows the candidate's identification number, candidate's election year, FEC election year, committee identification number, committee type, committee designation, and a linkage identification number. The end-of-line (EOL) marker is line feed '\n' (LF, 0x0A, 10 in decimal).

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Column name	Field name	Position	Null	Data type	Description	Example data
CAND_ID	Candidate identification	1	N	VARCHAR2 (9)	A 9-character alpha-numeric code assigned to a candidate by the Federal Election Commission. The candidate ID for a specific candidate remains the same across election cycles as long as the candidate is running for the same office.	H8VA01233
CAND_ELECTION_YR	Candidate election year	2	N	NUMBER (4)	Candidate's election year	2018
FEC_ELECTION_YR	FEC election year	3	N	NUMBER (4)	Active 2-year period	2018
CMTE_ID	Committee identification	4	Y	VARCHAR2 (9)	A 9-character alpha-numeric code assigned to a committee by the Federal Election Commission. The committee ID for a specific committee always remains the same.	C00100005
CMTE_TP	Committee type	5	Y	VARCHAR2 (1)	<u>List of committee type codes</u>	H
CMTE_DSGN	Committee designation	6	Y	VARCHAR2 (1)	A = Authorized by a candidate B = Lobbyist/Registrant PAC D = Leadership PAC J = Joint fundraiser P = Principal campaign committee of a candidate U = Unauthorized	A
LINKAGE_ID	Linkage ID	7	N	NUMBER (12)	Unique link ID	123456789012

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