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FEC SETS PUBLIC HEARINGS ON PROPOSED REGULATIONS

WASHINGTON--Friday, July 29, is the deadline for individuals or organizations to submit to the Federal Election Commission a request to testify at public hearings on proposed revisions of FEC regulations governing nonpartisan communications by corporations and labor organizations.

All witnesses must submit a written statement of the substance of their testimony on or before August 2.

This will be the second public hearing on this subject, the first having been in 1981. Also, there have been two earlier periods for public written comments. The present hearings will start at 2 p.m. August 9 and at 10 a.m. on August 10 in the Federal Election Commission's conference room.

The proposed revisions were initiated to incorporate into the regulations several advisory opinions which the Commission has issued in this subject area. Among other things, the proposed revisions seek to clarify the classes of persons to whom nonpartisan communications may be made under each section and indicate the types of communications which are permissible. They expand the types of publications which may be distributed to the general public by corporations and labor organizations to include nonpartisan voting records and voter guides. Also, one part would add executive and administrative personnel to the class of persons who may be solicited by labor organizations, and another would add families of members to the class of persons who may be solicited by incorporated membership organizations, trade associations, cooperatives and corporations without capital stock.

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