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FEC HEARING SET ON EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS DEPENDENT ON SUFFICIENT PUBLIC INTEREST

WASHINGTON -- A public hearing on interim rules governing ex parte communications with Commissioner offices has been set, on a tentative basis, by the Federal Election Commission. While the rules went into effect on December 9, 1992, the Commission also sought public comment at that time.

Anyone seeking to testify at the proposed hearing must submit a written request on or before March 5. If that person has not previously submitted written comments on the ex parte rules, he or she must also make such submission by March 5.

March 31 has been set for the hearing if there is sufficient expression of interest in testifying.

Comments and requests to testify should be addressed to Ms. Susan E. Propper, Assistant General Counsel, Federal Election Commission, 999 E Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20463.

The new ex parte rules establish procedures for handling communications made to Commissioner offices in connection with FEC audits, litigation, rulemaking proceedings and advisory opinion requests by persons not employed by the Agency. Such communications are prohibited in the case of audits and litigation, and, in the case of rulemaking proceedings and advisory opinions, are permissible, but must be made part of the public record.

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