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WASHINGTON -- Written comments are being invited by the Federal Election Commission on proposed revision of its presidential primary matching fund regulations and related sections. Deadline for receiving the comments is September 17, 1982.

Additionally, in an effort to broaden the opportunity for public comment, the Commission has set 10 a.m. September 29th, for public hearings on the proposed changes. Persons interested in testifying at the public hearing should so indicate in their written comments on the proposed rules.

Intent of the rulemaking is to clarify and simplify administration of the matching fund program and compliance with its provisions. The FEC said the changes have three major purposes: to provide workable rules to govern many of the areas which have caused uncertainty in the past; to provide a fuller explanation of the certification and audit processes; and to add new provisions to cover aspects of the presidential primary process not previously addressed in the FEC's regulations.

Some 34 specific areas are cited for revision in the rulemaking, reflecting the effect of 1979 amendments to the Federal Election Campaign Act, and the FEC's own experiences during the 1980 elections. In addition to comments expected from individuals interested in the matching fund process, the Commission anticipates comments from some of those involved as candidates and campaign workers in previous presidential primaries.