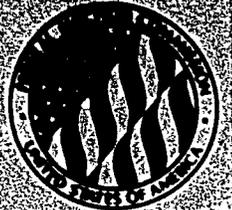


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FEC ASKED TO RECONSIDER RULES GOVERNING POLITICAL COMMITTEE USE OF PRIVATE AIRCRAFTS

-Commission Seeks Public Comments on Rulemaking Petition-

WASHINGTON -- The Federal Election Commission is seeking public comments on a petition to adopt new rules governing the use of corporate or labor organization aircraft by candidates.

A Petition for Rulemaking, filed by Common Cause in July, asks the Commission to require that candidates reimburse corporations or unions "at the same price it would cost to charter similar aircraft." Current regulations instruct committees to pay first class commercial airfare for seating, if the flight occurs between cities served by a commercial airline. Candidates must now pay the charter rate if the travel is to a city not served by a regularly scheduled commercial service.

A Notice of Availability seeking comments on the petition was published in the Federal Register on August 21, 1991. Comments, which must be in writing and submitted by September 20, 1991, should be directed to Ms. Susan E. Propper, Assistant General Counsel, FEC, 999 E Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20463.

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