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FEC SETS PUBLIC HEARINGS
FOR MARCH 31 AND APRIL 1

WASHINGTON -- Public hearings on two proposed changes in its rules have been set by the Federal Election Commission for Wednesday, March 31, and Thursday, April 1.

Wednesday's hearing will include seven witnesses who will present testimony on the Commission's proposed rules changes regarding the requirement that in political committee treasurers use their "best efforts" to obtain and report contributor information required by the Federal Election Campaign Act.

The hearing will start at 10 a.m. in the ninth floor hearing room at 999 E St. NW.

Scheduled to testify are Keith A. Davis of Huckaby and Associates; Michael A. Hess, Acting Chief Counsel, Republican National Committee; Robert F. Bauer of Perkins Coie; Stuart Reges, National Director, Libertarian Party; Elizabeth Hedlund, Center for Responsive Politics and Donna F. Edwards, Public Citizen.

On Thursday, April 1, the Commission will hear testimony on proposed rule changes for handling "Ex Parte Communications" made to Commissioner offices in connection with FEC audits, litigation, rulemaking proceedings and advisory opinion requests by persons not employed by the Agency.

This hearing will start at 2 p.m. in the Commission's hearing room. Presenting testimony will be Robert F. Bauer of Perkins Coie; Elizabeth Hedlund, Center for Responsive Politics; and Ernest Gellhorn of Jones, Day, Reavis & Pogue.

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