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**AGENDA ITEM**  
For Meeting of: 5-8-03

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**MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** May 8, 2003

**TO:** The Commission

**FROM:** Ellen L. Weintraub, Chair *EW*  
Michael E. Toner, Commissioner *MT*

**RE:** Proposed Commission Rulemaking Calendar

We propose that the Commission adopt the rulemaking schedule below and approve the publication of the attached Federal Register notice.

**Title 26 and National Convention/ Host Committee**

5/23 Comments Due/ Deadline Request to Testify  
6/6 Hearing  
7/17 Approve Final Rule

Attachment

1 **FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION**

2 **11 CFR Parts 104, 107, 110, 9003, 9004, 9008, 9032 through 9036, and 9038**

3 **[Notice 2003 - \_\_]**

4 **Extension of Public Comment Period for Public Financing of**

5 **Presidential Candidates and Nominating Conventions**

6 **AGENCY:** Federal Election Commission

7 **ACTION:** Proposed rule; extension of public comment period.

8 **SUMMARY:** This notice extends the public comment period on the Federal Election  
9 Commission's notice of proposed rulemaking on public financing of  
10 presidential candidates and nominating conventions to May 23, 2003. The  
11 Commission will hold a hearing on the proposed rules on June 6, 2003, at  
12 10 a.m.

13 **DATES:** Comments must be received on or before May 23, 2003. The Commission  
14 will hold a hearing on the proposed rules for June 6, 2003, at 10 a.m., if it  
15 receives sufficient requests to testify. Commenters wishing to testify at  
16 the hearing must so indicate in their written or electronic comments.

17 **ADDRESSES:** All comments should be addressed to Ms. Mai T. Dinh, Acting Assistant  
18 General Counsel, and must be submitted in either electronic or written  
19 form. Electronic mail comments should be sent to [pubfund2004@fec.gov](mailto:pubfund2004@fec.gov)  
20 and must include the full name, electronic mail address and postal service  
21 address of the commenter. Electronic mail comments that do not contain  
22 the full name, electronic mail address and postal service address of the  
23 commenter will not be considered. If the electronic mail comments

1 include an attachment, the attachment must be in the Adobe Acrobat (.pdf)  
2 or Microsoft Word (.doc) format. Faxed comments should be sent to  
3 (202) 219-3923, with printed copy follow-up to ensure legibility. Written  
4 comments and printed copies of faxed comments should be sent to the  
5 Federal Election Commission, 999 E Street, N.W., Washington, D.C.  
6 20463. Commenters are strongly encouraged to submit comments  
7 electronically to ensure timely receipt and consideration. The Commission  
8 will make every effort to post public comments on its Web site within ten  
9 business days of the close of the comment period. The hearing will be  
10 held in the Commission's ninth floor meeting room, 999 E Street N.W.,  
11 Washington, D.C.

12 **FOR FURTHER**  
13 **INFORMATION**

14 **CONTACT:** J. Duane Pugh Jr., Senior Attorney, 999 E Street, N.W., Washington, D.C.,  
15 20463, (202) 694-1650 or (800) 424-9530.

16 **SUPPLEMENTARY**

17 **INFORMATION:** The Federal Election Commission recently requested comment on  
18 proposed changes to its rules governing publicly financed presidential candidates, in both the  
19 primary and general elections, and national nominating conventions. See Notice of Proposed  
20 Rulemaking on Public Financing of Presidential Candidates and Nominating Conventions, 68 FR  
21 18484 (Apr. 15, 2003) ["Public Financing NPRM"]. The document states that the public  
22 comment period closed on May 9, 2003, and a hearing on the proposed rules was tentatively  
23 scheduled for May 19, 2003. On May 2, 2003, the United States District Court for the District of  
24 Columbia issued a decision in McConnell v. FEC, Civ. No. 02-582, 2003 WL 21003144 (D.D.C.

1 May 1, 2003), notice of appeal filed (U.S. May 2, 2003), which addresses certain provisions of  
2 the Bipartisan Campaign Reform Act of 2002, Pub. L. 107-155, 116 Stat. 81 (Mar. 27, 2002). A  
3 portion of the notice of proposed rulemaking concerned the application of the Bipartisan  
4 Campaign Reform Act and the Commission's implementing regulations to national nominating  
5 conventions. See Public Financing NPRM, 68 FR at 18502-07. In order to permit commenters  
6 the opportunity to consider the McConnell v. FEC decision and its impact on national  
7 nominating conventions, the Commission is extending the comment period until May 23, 2003  
8 and rescheduling the hearing on the proposed rules to June 6, 2003 at 10 a.m.

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Ellen L. Weintraub  
Chair  
Federal Election Commission

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