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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

11 CFR Parts 104, 107, 110, 9003, 9004, 9008, 9032 Through 9036, and 9038

[Notice 2003-10]

Extension of Public Comment Period for Public Financing of Presidential Candidates and Nominating Conventions

AGENCY: Federal Election Commission.

ACTION: Proposed rule; reopening of public comment period.

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

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

ADDRESSES: All comments should be addressed to Ms. Mai T. Dinh, Acting Assistant General Counsel, and must be submitted in either electronic or written form. Electronic mail comments should be sent to pubfund2004@fec.gov and must include the full name, electronic mail address and postal service address of the commenter. Electronic mail comments that do not contain the full name, electronic mail address and postal service address of the commenter will not be considered. If the electronic mail comments include an attachment, the attachment must be in the Adobe Acrobat (.pdf) or Microsoft Word (.doc) format. Faxed comments should be sent to (202) 219-3923, with printed copy follow-up to ensure legibility. Written comments and printed copies of faxed comments should be sent to the Federal Election Commission, 999 E Street,

NW., Washington, DC 20463.

Commenters are strongly encouraged to submit comments electronically to ensure timely receipt and consideration. The Commission will make every effort to post public comments on its Web site within 10 business days of the close of the comment period. The hearing will be held in the Commission's ninth floor meeting room, 999 E Street, NW., Washington, DC.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: J. Duane Pugh Jr., Senior Attorney, 999 E Street, NW., Washington, DC, 20463, (202) 694-1650 or (800) 424-9530.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Federal Election Commission recently requested comment on proposed changes to its rules governing publicly financed presidential candidates, in both the primary and general elections, and national nominating conventions. See *Notice of Proposed Rulemaking on Public Financing of Presidential Candidates and Nominating Conventions*, 68 FR 18484 (Apr. 15, 2003) ("*Public Financing NPRM*"). The document states that the public comment period closed on May 9, 2003, and a hearing on the proposed rules was tentatively scheduled for May 19, 2003. On May 2, 2003, the United States District Court for the District of Columbia issued a decision in *McConnell v. FEC*, Civ. No. 02-582, 2003 WL 21003144 (D.D.C. May 1, 2003), *notice of appeal filed* (U.S. May 2, 2003), which addresses certain provisions of the Bipartisan Campaign Reform Act of 2002, Public Law 107-155, 116 Stat. 81 (Mar. 27, 2002). A portion of the notice of proposed rulemaking concerned the application of the Bipartisan Campaign Reform Act and the Commission's implementing regulations to national nominating conventions. See *Public Financing NPRM*, 68 FR at 18502-07. In order to permit commenters the opportunity to consider the *McConnell v. FEC* decision and its impact on national nominating conventions, the Commission is extending the comment period until May 23, 2003, and rescheduling the hearing on the proposed rules to June 6, 2003, at 10 a.m.

Dated: May 8, 2003.

Ellen L. Weintraub,

Chair, Federal Election Commission.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 25

[Docket No. NM254; Notice No. 25-03-02-SC]

Special Conditions: Cessna Model 680 Sovereign; Side Facing Single Occupant Seats

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of proposed special conditions.

SUMMARY: This document proposes special conditions for the Cessna Model 680 Sovereign airplane. This airplane will have a novel or unusual design feature(s) associated with side-facing single-occupant seats. The applicable airworthiness regulations do not contain adequate or appropriate safety standards for this design feature. These proposed special conditions contain the additional safety standards that the Administrator considers necessary to establish a level of safety equivalent to that established by the existing airworthiness standards.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before June 30, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Comments on this proposal may be mailed in duplicate to: Federal Aviation Administration, Transport Airplane Directorate, Attn: Rules Docket (ANM-113), Docket No. NM254, 1601 Lind Avenue, SW., Renton, Washington 98055-4056; or delivered in duplicate to the Transport Airplane Directorate at the above address. Comments must be marked: Docket No. NM254. Comments may be inspected in the Rules Docket weekdays, except Federal holidays, between 7:30 a.m. and 4 p.m.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mark Quam, FAA, Standardization Branch, ANM-113, Transport Airplane Directorate, Aircraft Certification Service, 1601 Lind Avenue, SW., Renton, Washington 98055-4056; telephone (425) 227-2145, facsimile (425) 227-1149.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Comments Invited

The FAA invites interested persons to participate in this rulemaking by submitting written comments, data, or views. The most helpful comments