Federal Trade Commission

§ 1.26  Procedure.

(a)  Investigations and conferences.  In connection with any rulemaking proceeding, the Commission at any time may conduct such investigations, make such studies, and hold such conferences as it may deem necessary. All or any part of any such investigation may be conducted under the provisions of sub-part A of part 2 of this chapter.

(b)  Notice.  General notice of proposed rulemaking will be published in the Federal Register and, to the extent practicable, otherwise made available to interested persons except when the Commission for good cause finds that notice and public procedure relating to the rule are impractical, unnecessary or contrary to the public interest and incorporates such finding and a brief statement of the reasons therefor in the rule. If the rulemaking proceeding was instituted pursuant to petition, a copy of the notice will be served on the petitioner. Such notice will include:

(1)  A statement of the time, place, and nature of the public proceedings;
(2)  Reference to the authority under which the rule is proposed;
(3)  Either the terms or substance of the proposed rule or description of the subjects and issues involved;
(4)  An opportunity for interested persons to participate in the proceeding through the submission of written data, views, or arguments; and
(5)  A statement setting forth such procedures for treatment of communications from persons not employed by the Commission to Commissioners or Commissioner Advisors with respect to the merits of the proceeding as will incorporate the requirements of § 1.18(c), including the transcription of oral communications required by § 1.18(c)(2), adapted in such form as may be appropriate to the circumstances of the particular proceeding.

(c)  Oral hearings.  Oral hearing on a proposed rule may be held within the discretion of the Commission, unless otherwise expressly required by law. Any such hearing will be conducted by the Commission, a member thereof, or a member of the Commission’s staff. At the hearing interested persons may appear and express their views as to the proposed rule and may suggest such amendments, revisions, and additions