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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: EPACT authorizes DOE to pursue a rulemaking concerning alternative fueled vehicle acquisition requirements for private and local government fleets on two distinct schedules. First, section 507(b) provides for an early rulemaking concerning such requirement which must be completed by December 15, 1996. As part of that rulemaking, section 507(a)(3) of EPACT, Pub. L. 102-486, requires DOE to publish an Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (ANOPR) to begin a rulemaking to determine whether alternative fueled vehicle (AFV) acquisition requirements for private and local government fleets are necessary to achieve EPACT's energy security and other goals. If no rule is promulgated by December 15, 1996, then section 507(b)(3), (c), and (e) requires a later rulemaking (beginning no later than April 1998) to determine by January 1, 2000, whether vehicle acquisition requirements are "necessary" in light of then current circumstances. 42 U.S.C. 13256(b)(3), (c) and (e). EPACT provides that if a final rule to implement an early mandate is not promulgated by December 15, 1996, DOE must proceed to the later rulemaking. 42 U.S.C. 13256(b).

DOE published an ANOPR for the purposes described in section 507(a) and (b) on August 7, 1996. 61 FR 41032. This notice was intended to stimulate comments to assist DOE in making decisions concerning future rulemaking actions and non-regulatory initiatives to promote alternative fuels and alternative fueled vehicles. Three hearings were held to receive oral comments on the ANOPR on September 17, 1996, in Dallas, Texas; on September 25, 1996, in Sacramento, California; and on October 9, 1996, in Washington, D.C. A total of 70 persons spoke at the three hearings

and 105 written comments were received by November 5, 1996.

Based on the comments received, DOE intends to continue to investigate the full array of measures that could be available and effective to help meet the EPACT goals, focussing on incentives and voluntary measures, as suggested by a great majority of commenters. A number of commenters urged DOE to convene a forum for bringing together all stakeholders of AFV programs with the aim of reaching a consensus on desirable measures and strategies for achieving substantial use of replacement fuels and AFVs. DOE intends to fully explore the possibilities for convening such a process in the near future.

DOE will not implement private and local government fleet AFV acquisition requirements under the early schedule of section 507(a). Consistent with the above-described statutory limitations on early rulemaking under section 507 (a), DOE is terminating this rulemaking without prejudice to initiating the later rulemaking authorized by section 507 (e) and (g).

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NATIONAL CREDIT UNION ADMINISTRATION

12 CFR Chapter VII

Federal Credit Union Bylaws

AGENCY: National Credit Union Administration (NCUA).

ACTION: Request for comments; extension of comment period.

SUMMARY: On March 13, 1997 (62 FR 11778), the National Credit Union Administration (NCUA) published for public comment a request for comments regarding the Federal Credit Union Bylaws. The comment period for the request for comments was to have expired on May 12, 1997. At the request of a trade association and to encourage additional comments, the NCUA Board has decided to extend the comment period on the request for comments. The extended comment period now expires June 12, 1997.

DATE: The comment period has been extended and now expires June 12, 1997. Comments must be received on or before June 12, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be directed to Becky Baker, Secretary of the

Board. Mail or hand-deliver comments to: National Credit Union Administration, 1775 Duke Street, Alexandria, Virginia 22314-3428. Fax comments to (703) 518-6319. E-mail comments to boardmail@ncua.gov. Please send comments by one method only.

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By the National Credit Union Administration Board on April 15, 1997.

Becky Baker,

Secretary of the Board.

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NATIONAL CREDIT UNION ADMINISTRATION

12 CFR Parts 701, 712 and 740

Organization and Operations of Federal Credit Unions; Credit Union Service Organizations; Advertising

AGENCY: National Credit Union Administration (NCUA).

ACTION: Proposed rule; extension of comment period.

SUMMARY: On March 13, 1997 (62 FR 11779), the National Credit Union Administration (NCUA) published for public comment a proposed rule regarding credit union service organizations (CUSOs) of federal credit unions (FCUs). The comment period for this proposed rule was to have expired on May 12, 1997. At the request of a national trade association and to encourage additional comments, the NCUA Board has decided to extend the comment period on the proposed rule one more time. The extended comment period now expires June 12, 1997.

DATES: The comment period has been extended and now expires June 12, 1997. Comments must be received on or before June 12, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be directed to Becky Baker, Secretary of the Board. Mail or hand-deliver comments to: National Credit Union Administration Board, 1775 Duke Street, Alexandria, Virginia 22314-3428. Fax comments to (703) 518-6319. E-mail comments to boardmail@ncua.gov. Please send comments by one method only.

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