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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

11 CFR Parts 109, 114, and 300

[Notice 2005–11]

Candidate Solicitation at State, District and Local Party Fundraising Events; Definition of “Agent” for BCRA Regulations; Payroll Deductions By Member Corporations for Contributions to a Trade Association’s Separate Segregated Fund

AGENCY: Federal Election Commission.

ACTION: Notice of public hearings.

SUMMARY: The Federal Election Commission is announcing public hearings on the following rulemakings: The proposed revision to the Commission’s regulations on candidate solicitation at State, district and local party fundraising events; the proposed revision of the definition of “agent” for the Commission’s regulations on non-Federal funds and coordinated and independent expenditures; and the proposed revision to the Commission’s regulations on payroll deductions by member corporations for contributions to a trade association’s separate segregated fund. The Commission plans to consider final rules for these three rulemakings in an open session scheduled for June 23, 2005.

DATES: The hearings will be held on Tuesday, May 17, 2005 and will begin at 10 a.m.

ADDRESSES: Commission hearings are held in the Commission’s ninth floor meeting room, 999 E Street, NW., Washington, DC.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Brad C. Deutsch or Ms. Mai T. Dinh, Assistants General Counsel, 999 E Street, NW., Washington, DC 20463, (202) 694–1650 or (800) 424–9530.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Rulemaking on Candidate Solicitation at State, District and Local Party Fundraising Events

On February 24, 2005, the Commission published a Notice of

Proposed Rulemaking (“NPRM”) proposing revisions to the Explanation and Justification for the Commission’s regulation at 11 CFR 300.64, which allow Federal officeholders and candidates to speak without restriction or regulation at fundraising events for State, district and local party committees, and proposing an alternative rule that would replace current section 300.64 with a rule barring candidates and Federal officeholders from soliciting or directing non-Federal funds while attending or speaking at party fundraising events. 70 FR 9014 (Feb. 24, 2005). The comment period for this NPRM ended on March 28, 2005. The Commission received eleven comments in response to this NPRM. Six commenters who submitted four of the comments requested to testify at a public hearing if one is held.

After considering these requests and the other comments received to date in response to this NPRM, the Commission believes a public hearing would be helpful in considering the issues raised in the rulemaking. The hearing will be held on May 17, 2005.

Rulemaking on Definition of “Agent” for BCRA Regulations on Non-Federal Funds or Soft Money and Coordinated and Independent Expenditures

On February 2, 2005, the Commission published an NPRM proposing to revise the definition of “agent” for its regulations on coordinated and independent expenditures, and non-Federal funds, by including persons acting with apparent authority in the definition of “agent.” 70 FR 5382 (Feb. 2, 2005). The comment period for this NPRM ended on March 4, 2005. The Commission received six comments in response to this NPRM. Four commenters who submitted two of the comments requested to testify at a public hearing if one is held.

After considering these requests and the other comments received to date in response to this NPRM, the Commission believes a public hearing would be helpful in considering the issues raised in the rulemaking. The hearing will be held on May 17, 2005.

Rulemaking on Payroll Deductions by Member Corporations for Contributions to a Trade Association’s Separate Segregated Fund

On December 22, 2004, the Commission published an NPRM

proposing to amend its rules regarding contributions to the separate segregated fund (“SSF”) of a trade association by employee-stockholders and executive and administrative personnel (collectively, “restricted class employees”) of corporations that are members of the trade association. The proposed rules would amend 11 CFR 114.8 to allow a corporate member of a trade association to provide incidental services to collect and forward contributions from its restricted class employees to the SSF of the trade association, including a payroll deduction or check-off system, upon written request of the trade association. The proposed rules would also amend 11 CFR 114.2(f) to require any corporate member of a trade association that provides incidental services for contributions to the trade association’s SSF also to provide the same services for contributions to the SSF of any labor organization that represents employees of the corporation, upon written request of the labor organization and at a cost not to exceed actual expenses incurred. 69 FR 76628 (Dec. 22, 2004). The comment period for this NPRM ended on January 21, 2005. The Commission received 34 comments in response to this NPRM. Two commenters asked to testify at a public hearing if one is held.

After considering these requests and the other comments received to date in response to this NPRM, the Commission believes a public hearing would be helpful in considering the issues raised in the rulemaking. The hearing will be held on May 17, 2005.

Dated: April 18, 2005.

Scott E. Thomas,

Chairman, Federal Election Commission.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

26 CFR Part 31

[REG–152945–04]

RIN 1545–BD96

Flat Rate Supplemental Wage Withholding; Hearing

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

ACTION: Notice of public hearing on proposed rulemaking.

SUMMARY: This document provides notice of public hearing on proposed regulations relating to the flat rate of withholding applicable to calculating the amount of income tax withholding on supplemental wages.

DATES: The public hearing is being held on Thursday, June 9, 2005, at 10 a.m. The IRS must receive outlines of the topics to be discussed at the hearing by Thursday, May 19, 2005.

ADDRESSES: The public hearing is being held in the Auditorium, Internal Revenue Service Building, 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC. Due to building security procedures, visitors must enter at the Constitution Avenue entrance. In addition, all visitors must present photo identification to enter the building.

Mail outlines to: CC:PA:LPD:PR (REG-152945-04), Room 5203, Internal Revenue Service, POB 7604, Ben Franklin Station, Washington, DC 20044. Submissions may be hand delivered Monday through Friday between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. to CC:PA:LPD:PR (REG-152945-04), Courier's Desk, Internal Revenue Service, 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC. Submit outlines electronically to the IRS e-mail address notice.comments@irs.counsel.treas.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Concerning submissions of comments, the hearing, and/or to be placed on the building access list to attend the hearing Treena Garrett, (202) 622-7180 (not a toll-free number).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The subject of the public hearing is the notice of proposed rulemaking (REG-152945-04) that was published in the **Federal Register** on Wednesday, January 5, 2005 (70 FR 767).

The rules of 26 CFR 601.601(a)(3) apply to the hearing. Persons who have submitted written or electronic comments and wish to present oral comments at the hearing must submit an outline of the topics to be discussed and the amount of time to be devoted to each topic (signed original and eight (8) copies) by May 19, 2005.

A period of 10 minutes is allotted to each person for presenting oral comments. After the deadline for receiving outlines has passed, the IRS will prepare an agenda containing the schedule of speakers. Copies of the agenda will be made available, free of charge, at the hearing. Because of access restrictions, the IRS will not admit visitors beyond the immediate entrance area more than 30 minutes before the

hearing starts. For information about having your name placed on the building access list to attend the hearing, see the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this document.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 52

[R09-OAR-2005-CA-01; FRL-7900-4]

Revision to the California State Implementation Plan, Monterey Bay Unified Air Pollution Control District and San Joaquin Valley Unified Air Pollution Control District

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: EPA is proposing to approve revisions to the Monterey Bay Unified Air Pollution Control District (MBUAPCD) and San Joaquin Valley Unified Air Pollution Control District (SJVUAPCD) portions of the California State Implementation Plan (SIP). The revisions concern the emission of particulate matter (PM-10) from open outdoor burning and from incinerator burning. We are proposing to approve local rules that regulate these emission sources under the Clean Air Act as amended in 1990 (CAA or the Act).

DATES: Any comments on this proposal must arrive by May 25, 2005.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments, identified by docket number R09-OAR-2005-CA-01, by one of the following methods:

1. Agency Web site: <http://docket.epa.gov/rmepub/>. EPA prefers receiving comments through this electronic public docket and comment system. Follow the on-line instructions to submit comments.
2. Federal eRulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the on-line instructions.
3. E-mail: steckel.andrew@epa.gov.
4. Mail or deliver: Andrew Steckel (Air-4), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region IX, 75 Hawthorne Street, San Francisco, CA 94105.

Instructions: All comments will be included in the public docket without change and may be made available

online at <http://docket.epa.gov/rmepub/>, including any personal information provided, unless the comment includes Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Information that you consider CBI or otherwise protected should be clearly identified as such and should not be submitted through the agency Web site, eRulemaking portal, or e-mail. The agency website and eRulemaking portal are "anonymous access" systems, and EPA will not know your identity or contact information unless you provide it in the body of your comment. If you send e-mail directly to EPA, your e-mail address will be automatically captured and included as part of the public comment. If EPA cannot read your comment due to technical difficulties and cannot contact you for clarification, EPA may not be able to consider your comment.

Docket: The index to the docket for this action is available electronically at <http://docket.epa.gov/rmepub> and in hard copy at EPA Region IX, 75 Hawthorne Street, San Francisco, California. While all documents in the docket are listed in the index, some information may be publicly available only at the hard copy location (e.g., copyrighted material), and some may not be publicly available in either location (e.g., CBI). To inspect the hard copy materials, please schedule an appointment during normal business hours with the contact listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section. **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Al Petersen, Rulemaking Office (AIR-4), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region IX, (415) 947-4118, petersen.alfred@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This proposal addresses the approval of local MBUAPCD Rules 408 and 438 and SJVUAPCD Rule 4103. In the Rules section of this **Federal Register**, we are approving these local rules in a direct final action without prior proposal because we believe these SIP revisions are not controversial. If we receive adverse comments, however, we will publish a timely withdrawal of the direct final rule and address the comments in subsequent action based on this proposed rule. Please note that if we receive adverse comment on an amendment, paragraph, or section of this rule and if that provision may be severed from the remainder of the rule, we may adopt as final those provisions of the rule that are not the subject of an adverse comment.

We do not plan to open a second comment period, so anyone interested in commenting should do so at this