ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-7827-7]

Forty-Third Street Bay Drum Superfund Site; Notice of Settlement

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice of settlement.

SUMMARY: Under section 122(h) (1) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA), the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has entered into an Agreement for Recovery of Past Cost (Agreement) at the Forty-Third Street Bay Drum Superfund Site (Site) located in Tampa, Hillsborough County, Florida, with twenty-nine (29) parties. EPA will consider public comments on the Agreement until November 15, 2004. EPA may withdraw from or modify the Agreement should such comments disclose facts or considerations which indicate the Agreement is inappropriate, improper, or inadequate. Copies of the Agreement are available from: Ms. Paula V. Batchelor, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 4, Superfund **Enforcement & Information Management** Branch, Waste Management Division, 61 Forsyth Street, SW., Atlanta, Georgia 30303, (404) 562-8887, Batchelor.Paula@EPA.GOV.

Written comment may be submitted to Ms. Batchelor at the above address within 30 days of the date of publication.

Dated: September 24, 2004.

Rosalind H. Brown,

Chief, Superfund Information & Management Branch, Waste Management Division. [FR Doc. 04-23034 Filed 10-13-04; 8:45 am]

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EXPORT-IMPORT BANK

[Public Notice 67]

Agency Information Collection **Activities; Comment Request**

AGENCY: Export-Import Bank of the United States (Ex-Im Bank). **ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Export-Import Bank, as a part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on the proposed information collection as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The purpose of the survey is to fulfill a statutory mandate (The Export-Import Bank Act of 1945, as amended, 12 U.S.C. 635) which directs Ex-Im Bank to report annually to the U.S. Congress any action taken toward providing export credit programs that are competitive with those offered by official foreign export credit agencies. The Act further stipulates that the annual report on competitiveness should include the results of a survey of U.S. exporters and U.S. commercial lending institutions which provide export credit to determine their experience in meeting financial competition from other countries whose exporters compete with U.S. exporters.

Accordingly, Ex-Im Bank is requesting that the proposed survey (EIB No. 00-02) be sent to approximately 200 applicants of Ex-Im Bank's mediumand long-term programs. The revised survey is similar to the previous survey, as it asks bankers and exporters to evaluate the competitiveness of Ex-Im Bank's programs vis-á-vis foreign export credit agencies. However, it has been modified in order to account for newer policies and to capture enough information to provide a better analysis of our competitiveness. In addition, the survey will be available on Ex-Im Bank's Web site, *http://www.exim.gov*, with

recipients encouraged to respond online as well.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before December 13, 2004 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Direct all requests for additional information to Alan Jensen, Export-Import Bank of the U.S., 811 Vermont Avenue, NW., Room 1279, Washington, DC 20571, (202) 565-3767.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: With respect to the proposed collection of information, Ex-Im Bank invites comments as to:

- -Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of Ex-Im Bank, including whether the information will have a practical use;
- -The accuracy of Ex-Im Bank's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- Ways to enhance the quality, usefulness, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- —Ways to minimize the burden of collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology; e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

Title & Form Number: 2004 Exporter & Banker Survey of Ex-Im Bank

Competitiveness, EIB Form 00–02. OMB Number: 3048-0004.

Type of Review: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Annual Number of Respondents: 200. Annual Burden Hours: 200. Frequency of Reporting or Use: Annual Survey.

Dated: October 7, 2004.

Solomon Bush.

Agency Clearance Officer. BILLING CODE 6690-01-M

OMB #3048-0004
PART 1 – EXPORTER/BANKER COMPANY PROFILE
[Note: See "Part 1 Attachment" for answer choices to questions 1-5 below.]
Years in Business Years in Exporting/Trade Finance
Have you used Ex-Im Bank's medium-term or long-term program in the previous calendar year?
How many applications did your organization file with Ex-Im Bank in 2004?
Which medium/long-term programs did you use? Check all that apply:
 Medium-term Insurance Medium-term Guarantee Long-term Guarantee Medium-term Loan Long-term Loan
Compared to 2003, my 2004 volume of exports/trade finance was: Higher Same Lower
EXPORTERS
2004 total sales volume 1. 2004 total U.S. export sales volume 2.
% of total export sales volume that was Ex-Im Bank supported 3.
BANKERS
2004 total export credit extended with a term over one year 4.
% of 2004 total export credit extended with a term over one year that was Ex-Im Bank supported 5.

EIB Form 00-02

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PART 2-EXPERIENCE WITH FOREIGN EXPORT CREDIT AGENCIES (ECAs)

[Note: See "Part 2 Attachment" for the possible answer choices to the questions below.]

Please indicate your experience in the previous calendar year in using, receiving support from or working with other official ECAs. Please select the appropriate answer for each ECA listed.

Canada (EDC)	Japan (NEXI)	
France (Coface)	UK (ECGD)	
Germany (Hermes)	Other (identify)	
Italy (SACE)	Other (identify)	
Japan (JBIC)	Other (identify)	

Please indicate your experience in the previous calendar year in facing competitors that received support from foreign official ECAs. Please select the appropriate answer for each ECA listed.

Canada (EDC)	Japan (NEXI)	
France (Coface)	UK (ECGD)	
Germany (Hermes)	Other (identify)	
Italy (SACE)	Other (identify)	
Japan (JBIC)	Other (identify)	

PART 2 (Continued)

Why do you approach Ex-Im Bank for support? Please indicate the approximate frequency with which each of the following challenges or needs arise, as well as a typical region or situation that presents such a challenge/need.

[Note: When the survey is being completed on-line, if the cursor is placed over the question further explanation of that question will "pop up." The more detailed explanations are found in the "Part 2 Attachment."]

2.	Challenge/Need	%	Typical Region or Situation
	Face competition from companies that receive ECA support:		
	Find a lack of useful private market financing available:		
	Need continuing U.S. government involvement:		
	Other (Please identify):		
	Other (Please identify):		

PART 3 – EXPERIENCE WITH EX-IM BANK AS COMPARED TO FOREIGN ECAs

Using the guide below, please grade Ex-Im Bank as it compares to other ECAs in the following categories:

[Note: When the survey is being completed on-line, if the cursor is placed over an element in which Ex-Im Bank is to be graded then the definition of that element will "pop up." The definitions for each of the elements are found in the "Part 3 Attachment."]

A+	= Fully competitive. Consistently equal to the (or is the sole) ECA offering the most competitive position on this element. Levels the playing field on this element with the most competitive offer from any of the major ECAs.
А	= Generally competitive. Consistently offers terms on this element equal to the average terms of the typical major ECA. Levels the playing field on this element with the typical offer from the major ECAs.
A-/B+	= In between A and B
В	= Modestly competitive. Consistently offers terms on this element equal to the least competitive of the major ECAs. Does not quite level the playing field on this element with most of the major ECAs.
B-/C+	= In between B and C
С	= Barely competitive. Consistently offers terms on this element that are a notch below those offered by any of the major ECAs. Puts exporter at financing disadvantage on this element that may, to a certain extent, be compensated for in other elements or by exporter concessions.
C-/D+	= In between C and D
D	= Uncompetitive. Consistently offers terms on this element that are far below those offered by other major ECAs. Puts exporter at financing disadvantage on this element so significant that it is difficult to compensate for and may be enough to lose a deal.
F	= Does not provide program or element

CORE BUSINESS POLICIES AND PRACTICES

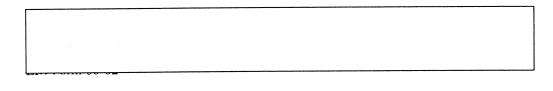
Ex-Im Bank's Cover Policy	Interest Rate Provided by Ex-Im B	ank
Scope of country risk	Loans (CIRR)	
Depth of non-sovereign risk	Insurance cover	
Breadth of availibity (e.g., restrictions)	Guarantee cover	
Ex-Im Bank's Risk Premia on	Ex-Im Bank's Co-financing	
Sovereign	# and utility of bilateral agreements	
Non-sovereign	Flexibility in one-off deals	

PART 3 (Continued)

Do you have any comments on Ex-Im Bank's **cover policy**, **interest rates**, **risk premia** or **co-financing** as they compare to those offered by other ECAs? For example, what core business policies and practices, if changed, would impact your competitiveness? **Please be as specific as possible**.

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only if you have experience with the program Ex-Im Bank's Medium-Term Program	.) Ex-Im Bank's Long-Term Program
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Pricing	Pricing
% of cover	% of cover
Risk capacity	Risk capacity
Ex-Im Bank's Large Aircraft Program	Ex-Im Bank's Project Finance
Interest rate	Core program features
% of cover	Repayment flexibilities
Risk capacity	
Ex-Im Bank's Foreign Currency Guarantee	Ex-Im Bank's Support for Service Exports
Availability of hard currency cover	Availability
Availability of local currency cover	Repayment terms
Pricing	

Do you have any comments on Ex-Im Bank's programs for **medium- and long-term financing**, **large aircraft**, **project finance**, or **foreign currency guarantees** as compared to those of other ECAs? Do you have any comments on the support Ex-Im Bank offers for services exports as compared to that offered by other ECAs? What programs or performance, if changed, would impact your competitiveness? Please be as specific as possible.



PART 3 (Continued)

Using the guide below, please indicate the competitive impact of the following economic philosophies and public policies on Ex-Im Bank's support.

+	Positive	Philosophy, policy or program has a positive impact on Ex-Im Bank's competitiveness (moves Ex-Im Bank's competitiveness grade up one notch)
*	Neutral	Philosophy, policy or program has a neutral impact on Ex-Im Bank's competitiveness (no impact on Ex-Im Bank's competitiveness grade)
-	Negative	Philosophy, policy or program has a negative impact on Ex-Im Bank's competitiveness (moves Ex-Im Bank's competitiveness grade down one notch)

<u>ECONOMIC PHILOSOPHY</u> (Please complete each of the sections **only** if you have experience with the program.)

Tied aid

Market windows

Do you have any comments on Ex-Im Bank's competitiveness with regard to **tied aid** or **market windows**? For example, have you seen competition supported by market windows or tied aid financing? **Please be as specific as possible**. You may also provide case specific data in Part 4.

PART 3 (Continued)

<u>PUBLIC POLICIES</u> (Please complete each of the sections **only** if you have experience with the program.)

Economic impact	Foreign content	Local costs	
PR 17/Shipping	Environment		

Do you have any comments on Ex-Im Bank's policies as they compare with other ECAs concerning economic impact, foreign content, local costs, shipping or the environment? Where other ECAs do not have a comparable public policy, such as economic impact and shipping, do you have comments on the impact of these public policies to Ex-Im Bank's competitiveness? For example, what public policies, if changed, would impact your competitiveness? Please be as specific as possible.

COMPETITIVENESS WEIGHTING

Now that you have graded Ex-Im Bank in several areas, please weight the overall importance of each of the four broad categories listed above to Ex-Im Bank's overall competitiveness. Please ensure that the sum of your weights equals 100%.

Core Business Policies and Practices	[0 – 100%)]
Major Programs and Performance	[0 - 100%]
Economic Philosophy	[0 - 100%]
Public Policies	[0 - 100%]

[<u>Note</u>: The online survey will ensure that the sum of the four percentage weightings equals 100%.]

	This template is provided as an opportunity for you to flesh out some of the grades that you gave in Part 3 by detailing any adverse impacts of Ex-Im Bank program features in specific transactions.	Describe the competition you faced and the effect that it had on your business (eg forced to change sourcing; lost jobs; lower exports). If possible, please quantify.	As a result of Ex-Im Bank's lack of cover for Iran, we were forced to source from outside the U.S. This resulted in a loss of over \$100 million in U.S. export sales.						
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PART 4 – EX-IM BANK PROJECTS	emplate is provide sts of Ex-Im Bank]	<u>Cost/Policy/</u> <u>Program</u>	Cover						
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PART 5 - GENERAL COMMENTS

This space is provided for you to express your views on the general competitive environment, trends of specific competitors, etc. You may also use this space to comment on aspects of Ex-Im Bank programs, particularly those not addressed in the above questions.

1) 2003 total sales volume:

- o <\$10 million
- o \$10 \$50 million
- o \$51 100 million
- o \$101 \$500 million
- o \$501 million \$1 billion
- o >\$1 billion

2) 2003 total U.S. export sales volume:

- o <\$10 million
- o \$10 \$50 million
- o \$51 100 million
- o \$101 \$500 million
- o \$501 million \$1 billion
- o >\$1 billion

3) % of total export sales volume that was Ex-Im Bank supported:

- o <10%
- o 10% 25%
- o 26% 50%
- o 51% 75%
- o >75%

4) 2003 total export credit extended with a term over one year:

- o <\$10 million
- o \$10 \$50 million
- o \$51 100 million
- o \$101 \$500 million
- o \$501 million \$1 billion
- o >\$1 billion

5) % of 2003 total export credit extended with a term over one year that was Ex-Im Bank supported:

- o <10%
- o 10% 25%
- o 26% 50%
- 0 51% 75%
- o >75%

PART 2 ATTACHMENT

1) Dropdown answers:

Experience with foreign ECAs (receiving support from or facing competitors supported by):

- o Frequent
- o Regular
- o Rare
- o None

2) Pop-up definitions:

Part/Section	Term/Phrase	Definition
	Face competition from companies that	
	receive ECA support	
	Find a lack of useful private market	Private market financing is
	financing available	either unavailable for the term
		or market or is so expensive as
		to be prohibitive
Part 2,	Need continuing U.S. government	For example, in certain
Challenge/Need	involvement	transactions, a long-term
		presence of the U.S.
		government is a useful
		transactional security blanket,
		even if not financially
		necessary to fund the
		transaction

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Pop-up definitions:

Part/Section	Term/Phrase	Definition
	Ex-Im Bank's Cover Policy	Please compare the following
Dent 2 Como		elements of Ex-Im Bank's
Part 3, Core		willingness to cover political
Business Policies		and commercial risks in a
and Practices		particular country against
		other ECAs' cover policies
	Scope of country risk	The number and utility of
		countries where cover is
		available

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Part/Section	Term/Phrase	Definition
	Depth of non-sovereign risk	The number, variety and
		utility of cover available for
		private buyers
	Breadth of availability	The number and utility of
		markets where cover is not
		restricted by amount or term
	Interest Rates Provided by Ex-Im Bank	Please compare the interest
		rates available under Ex-Im
		Bank programs (including
		those offered by the private
		sector lenders who benefit
		from Ex-Im's guarantee or
		insurance) to those available
		from other ECAs
	Loans (CIRR)	The official fixed Commercial
		Interest Reference Rate
		offered under Ex-Im Bank's
		direct loan program
	Insurance Cover	The interest rates offered by
		banks using Ex-Im Bank's
		medium-term insurance
		program
	Guarantee Cover	The interest rates offered by
		banks using Ex-Im Bank's
		guarantee program
	Ex-Im Bank's Risk Premia on:	Please compare the following
		types of exposure or risk fee
		charged by Ex-Im Bank to the
		fees charged by other ECAs
	Sovereign	The exposure fee charged by
	Bovereign	Ex-Im Bank for transactions to
		sovereign buyers or
		guaranteed by sovereign
		entities
	Non-sovereign	The exposure fee charged by
		Ex-Im Bank for transactions to
		public non-sovereign or
		private sector buyers
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	Ex-Im Bank's Large Aircraft Program	Please compare the following elements of Ex-Im Bank's
Part 3, Major		
Programs and		large aircraft program to the
Performance		aircraft programs of other
		ECAs

Part/Section	Term/Phrase	Definition
	Fixed interest rate level	The interest rates available
		under Ex-Im Bank's aircraft
		program
	Percentage of cover	The percentage of the
		transaction value underwritten
		by Ex-Im Bank
	Risk capacity	Ex-Im Bank's ability to take
		on a variety of risks in its
		aircraft program
	Ex-Im Bank' Project Finance	Please compare the following
		elements of Ex-Im Bank's
		project finance program to
		those of other ECAs'
		programs
	Core program features	Availability of coverage for
		pre- and post-completion
		risks, interest during
		construction, local costs
		support
	Repayment flexibilities	Willingness and ability to use
		available OECD repayment
		flexibilities
	Ex-Im Bank's Co-financing	Please compare the following
		elements of Ex-Im Bank's co-
		financing program to those of
		other ECAs' co-financing
		programs
	# and utility of bilateral agreements	Availability and utility of co-
		financing framework
		agreements between Ex-Im
		Bank and another ECA
	Flexibility in one-off deals	Availability and willingness to
		do one-time co-financing
		transactions without a bilateral
		framework agreement
	Ex-Im Bank's Foreign Currency Guarantees	Please compare Ex-Im Bank's
		ability to guarantee loans
		denominated in foreign
		currencies compared to that of
		other ECAs

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Part/Section	Term/Phrase	Definition
	Availability of hard currency cover	Availability of cover for freely
		convertible and readily
		available currencies of
		developed countries, such as
		the Japanese yen, the Euro, and the Swiss franc.
	Availability of local currency cover	Availability of cover for the
		currencies of the buyer,
		typically located in emerging
		market countries, such as the
		Mexican peso, South African
		rand, and Indian rupee.
	Pricing	The exposure fee charged by
		Ex-Im Bank under its
		foreign/local currency
		guarantee program
	Ex-Im Bank's Support for Services Exports	Please compare the following
		elements of Ex-Im Bank's
		support for services
		(intangible exports such as
		engineering and design
		services) to the support
		provided by other ECAs
an a	Availability	How easy it is to attain
		medium- or long-term Ex-Im
		Bank support for services
		exports (on a stand-alone
		basis, i.e., without being
		bundled with exports of goods)
	Repayment terms	The repayment terms Ex-Im
		Bank offers for services
		exports

Competi	tive Impact Defi	inition
Ŧ	Positive	Philosophy, policy or program has a positive impact on Ex-Im Bank's competitiveness (moves Ex-Im Bank's competitiveness grade up one notch)
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	Tied Aid	The offer of concessional credits to buyer countries in return for the purchase of U.S. goods.
Part 3, Economic Philosophy	Market windows	Ex-Im Bank's response to the provision of export credits on "market terms" by a government ECA or government-supported financial institution.
Part 3, Public Policies	Economic Impact	The requirement to assess whether Ex-Im Bank financing of a particular export will cause substantial injury to U.S. industry or result in the production of a good that is subject to a trade measure.
	Foreign content Local costs	Inclusion of eligible content that originated outside the U.S. and the buyer's country in a U.S. supply contract. Support for export-related costs that are incurred in the
	PR 17/Shipping	buyer's country. The requirement that exports support by Ex-Im Bank's medium- and long-term loans and long-term guarantees be shipped on U.S. flag vessels.
	Environment	Environmental review procedures, policies and requirements.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meeting

October 7, 2004. The Federal Communications

Commission will hold an Open Meeting

on the subjects listed below on Thursday, October 14, 2004, which is scheduled to commence at 9:30 a.m. in Room TW–C305, at 445 12th Street, SW., Washington, DC.

ltem No.	Bureau	Subject
1	Office of Engineering and Technology	<i>Title:</i> Amendment of Part 15 regarding new requirements and measurement guidelines for Access Broadband over Power Line Systems (ET Docket No. 04–37) and Carrier Current Systems, including Broadband over Power Line Systems (ET Docket No. 03–104). <i>Summary:</i> The Commission will consider a Report and Order regarding changes to the rules applicable to Access Broadband over Power Line systems.
2	Office of Engineering and Technology	Title: Amendment of Part 2 of the Commission's Rules to Allocate Spectrum Below 3 GHz for Mobile and Fixed Services to Support the Introduction of New Advanced Wireless Services, Including Third Generation Wireless Systems (ET Docket No. 00–258) and Amendments to Parts 1, 2, 27 and 90 of the Commission's Rules to License Services in the 216–220 MHz, 1390–1395 MHz, 1427–1429 MHz, 1432–1435 MHz, 1670–1675 MHz, and 2385–2390 MHz Government Transfer Bands (WT Docket No. 02–8). Summary: The Commission will consider a Seventh Report and Order concerning the relocation of existing Federal Government users from the band 1710–1755 MHz in order
		to make that band available for Advanced Wireless Services.
3	International	<i>Title:</i> The Effect of Foreign Mobile Termination Rates on U.S. Customers (IB Docket No. 02–324 and 96–261).
		Summary: The Commission will consider a Notice of Inquiry concerning the possible effects of foreign mobile termination rates on U.S. customers and competition in the U.S. telecommunications services market.
4	Wireline Competition	<i>Title:</i> Review of the Section 251 Unbundling Obligations of Incumbent Local Exchange Carriers (CC Docket No. 01–338); Implementation of the Local Competition Provisions of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (CC Docket No. 96–98); and Deployment of Wireline Services Offering Advanced Telecommunications Capability (CC Docket No. 98–147).
		Summary: The Commission will consider an Order on Reconsideration concerning re- quests from BellSouth and SureWest to reconsider and/or clarify various broadband unbundling obligations.
5	Wireline Competition	<i>Title:</i> The Pay Telephone Reclassification and Compensation Provisions of the Tele- communications Act of 1996 (CC Docket No. 96–128). <i>Summary:</i> The Commission will consider an Order on Reconsideration concerning its
		payphone compensation rules.
6	Wireline Competition	<i>Title:</i> Petition of Mid-Rivers Telephone Cooperative, Inc. for Order Declaring it to be an In- cumbent Local Exchange Carrier in Terry, Montana, Pursuant to Section 251(h)(2) (WC Docket No. 02–78).
		Summary: The Commission will consider a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking concerning section 251(h)(2) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended.

Additional information concerning this meeting may be obtained from Audrey Spivack or David Fiske, Office of Media Relations, (202) 418–0500; TTY 1 (888) 835–5322. Audio/Video coverage of the meeting will be broadcast live over the Internet from the FCC's Audio/Video Events Web page at www.fcc.gov/realaudio.

For a fee this meeting can be viewed live over George Mason University's Capitol Connection. The Capitol Connection also will carry the meeting live via the Internet. To purchase these services call (703) 993–3100 or go to *www.capitolconnection.gmu.edu*. Audio and video tapes of this meeting can be purchased from CACI Productions, 14151 Park Meadow Drive, Chantilly, VA 20151, (703) 679–3851.

Copies of materials adopted at this meeting can be purchased from the

FCC's duplicating contractor, Best Copy and Printing, Inc. (202) 488–5300; Fax (202) 488–5563; TTY (202) 488–5562. These copies are available in paper format and alternative media, including large print/type; digital disk; and audio tape. Best Copy and Printing, Inc. may be reached by e-mail at FCC@BCPIWEB.com.

Federal Communications Commission.

Marlene H. Dortch,

Secretary. [FR Doc. 04–23189 Filed 10–12–04; 2:15 pm]

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Notice

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DATE AND TIME: Tuesday, October 19, 2004 at 10 a.m.

PLACE: 999 E Street NW., Washington, DC

STATUS: This meeting will be closed to the public.

ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED:

Compliance matters pursuant to 2 U.S.C. 437g.

Audits conducted pursuant to 2 U.S.C. 437g, 438(b), and Title 26, U.S.C.

Matters concerning participation in civil actions or proceedings or arbitration.

Internal personnel rules and procedures or matters affecting a particular employee.

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DATE AND TIME: Thursday, October 21, 2004 at 10 a.m.

PLACE: 999 E Street NW., Washington, DC (Ninth floor).