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This section of the FEDERAL REGISTER contains notices to the public of the proposed issuance of rules and regulations. The purpose of these notices is to give interested persons an opportunity to participate in the rule making prior to the adoption of the final rules.

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

26 CFR Parts 1 and 301

[REG-103735-00 and REG-103736-00]

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Tax Shelter Disclosure Statement and Requirement to Maintain List of Investors in Potentially Abusive Tax Shelters; Hearing

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

ACTION: Reschedule of public hearing on proposed rulemaking.

SUMMARY: This document contains a notice of public hearing on proposed regulations relating to the modification of tax shelters under sections 6011, 6111, and 6112.

DATES: The public hearing is being held on Tuesday, January 7, 2002, at 10 a.m.

ADDRESSES: The public hearing is being held in room 4718, Internal Revenue Service Building, 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC. Due to building security procedures, visitors must enter at the 1111 Constitution Avenue location. In addition, all visitors must present photo identification to enter the building.

Mail outlines to: Regulations Unit CC:ITA:RU (REG-103735-00 and REG-103736-00), room 5226, Internal Revenue Service, POB 7604, Ben Franklin Station, Washington, DC 20044. Hand deliver outlines Monday through Friday between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. to: Regulations Unit CC:ITA:RU (REG-103735-00 and REG-103736-00), Courier's Desk, Internal Revenue Service, 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC. Submit electronic outlines of oral comments directly to the IRS Internet site at <http://www.irs.gov/regs>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Concerning submissions of comments, the hearing, and/or to be placed on the building access list to attend the hearing

contact Sonya Cruse, Paralegal, (202) 622-7180 (not a toll-free number).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

The subject of the public hearing is the notice of proposed regulations (REG-103735-00 and REG-103736-00). The public hearing was originally scheduled on December 11, 2002, and notice of the public hearing was published in the **Federal Register** on Tuesday, October 22, 2002 (67 FR 64842). Due to inclement weather, some hearing participants were unable to attend. For this reason, the IRS is rescheduling the public hearing.

The rules of 26 CFR 601.601(a)(3) apply to the hearing.

Persons who have submitted written 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 copies) by Friday, January 3, 2002.

A period of 10 minutes is allocated 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 no 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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POSTAL RATE COMMISSION

39 CFR Part 3001

[Docket No. RM2003-1; Order No. 1355]

Additional Filing Requirements

AGENCY: Postal Rate Commission.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking.

SUMMARY: This proposal requires the Postal Service to provide "overview" testimony specifically discussing how

other testimony in the case interrelates and identifying all material changes affecting cost attribution, volume projections and rate design. This additional explanation and detail will assist the Commission and case participants in more readily understanding complex filings without unduly burdening the Postal Service.

DATES: Initial comments are due February 12, 2003; reply comments are due February 26, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments electronically via the Commission's Filing Online system, which may be accessed at www.prc.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Stephen L. Sharfman, General Counsel, 202-789-6818.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The ratemaking summit, jointly sponsored by the Postal Service and the Postal Rate Commission in May and June, encouraged the public to offer suggestions for modifying the ratemaking process. Among the issues discussed were phasing, negotiated service agreements, and procedural suggestions designed to ease the burdens associated with litigating omnibus rate cases. Based on a review of the transcripts of the summit and the parties' written comments, the Commission proposes to amend its rules of practice to require the Postal Service to file, as support for its rate and classification requests, testimony providing both a roadmap of how witnesses' testimony interrelate, and identification of all material changes affecting cost attribution methodology, volume projections, or rate design. Interested persons are invited to comment on the proposed rules by February 12, 2003.

Background

In written comments as well as at the conferences, several parties suggested various mechanisms designed generally to address the burdens associated with litigating omnibus rate proceedings under the statutory 10-month deadline. The proposals varied widely. Some parties proposed to limit issues that could be considered in omnibus rate proceedings, suggesting, for example, that costing issues be resolved in separately conducted rulemaking proceedings. In a similar vein, other parties proposed to prohibit consideration of classification changes.