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PRESS ADVISORY

Executive Director Frederick M. Herrmann announced today that the New Jersey Election Law Enforcement Commission is proposing new rules and amendments to its rules concerning the gubernatorial public financing program. The proposed amendments and new rules are based upon comments received by the Commission during public hearings conducted in 2002, the experience of Commission staff in administering the gubernatorial public financing program in past elections, advisory opinions issued concerning public financing, and litigation concerning the public financing program.

Herrmann explained that, among other topics, the proposal concerns: multiple matching fund accounts, disclosure of candidate participation in issue advocacy organizations, matching fund submission filing dates, the effect of an excessive contribution on the receipt of matching funds, criteria for independent and coordinated expenditures, recordkeeping for public fund expenditures for the purchase of television and radio time, debate sponsor application information, and emergent expenditure limit litigation procedures.

The proposed amendments and new rules appeared in the New Jersey Register on June 21, 2004. Copies of Commission's proposals may be viewed on the Commission's website at www.elec.state.nj.us or may be obtained by calling the Commission at (609) 292-8700.

Herrmann announced that the Commission will conduct a public hearing to elicit public comment concerning the proposal on Tuesday, July 27, 2004, at 11:15 a.m. at:

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Election Law Enforcement Commission
Edward J. Farrell Memorial Conference Room
28 West State Street, 12th Floor
Trenton, New Jersey

The Commission invites participation in this hearing and requests that any testimony be limited to no more than ten minutes. Please contact Elbia Zepetelli by Friday, July 23, 2004, at (609) 292-8700 to reserve time to speak.

The Commission welcomes written comments concerning the proposed amendments and new rules. Submit written comments by August 20, 2004, to:

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