

concise summary of the subject matter of the presentation.

(b) *Prepared Statements.* Any participant wishing to submit a prepared statement for the record must submit it to OPIC with the notice or, in any event, not later than 5 p.m. on December 6, 2000. Prepared statements must be typewritten, double spaced and may not exceed twenty-five (25) pages.

(c) *Duration of Presentations.* Oral presentations will in no event exceed ten (10) minutes, and the time for individual presentations may be reduced proportionately, if necessary, to afford all prospective participants on a particular subject an opportunity to be heard or to permit all subjects to be covered.

(d) *Agenda.* Upon receipt of the required notices, OPIC will prepare an agenda for the hearing setting forth the subject or subjects on which each participant will speak and the time allotted for each presentation. OPIC will provide each prospective participant with a copy of the agenda.

(e) *Publication of Proceedings.* A verbatim transcript of the hearing will be compiled. The transcript will be available to members of the public at the cost of reproduction.

Background

OPIC is a U.S. Government agency which provides, on a commercial basis, political risk insurance and financing in friendly developing countries and emerging democracies for environmentally sound projects which confer positive developmental benefits upon the project country while creating employment in the U.S. OPIC is required by section 231A(b) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as amended ("the Act") to hold at least one public hearing each year.

Among other issues, OPIC's annual public hearing has, in previous years, provided a forum for testimony concerning section 231A(a) of the Act. This section provides that OPIC may operate its programs only in those countries that are determined to be "taking steps to adopt and implement laws that extend internationally recognized workers rights to workers in that country (including any designated zone in that country)."

Based on consultations with Congress, OPIC complies with annual determinations made by the Executive Branch with respect to worker rights for countries that are eligible for the Generalized System of Preferences (GSP). Any country for which GSP eligibility is revoked on account of its failure to take steps to adopt and implement internationally recognized

worker rights is subject concurrently to the suspension of OPIC programs until such time as a favorable worker rights determination can be made.

For non-GSP countries in which OPIC operates its programs, OPIC reviews any country which is the subject of a formal challenge at its annual public hearing. To qualify as a formal challenge, testimony must pertain directly to the worker rights requirements of the law as defined in OPIC's 1985 reauthorizing legislation (Public Law 99-204) with reference to the Trade Act of 1974, as amended, and be supported by factual information.

Dated: November 21, 2000.

Richard C. Horanburg,

Director, Office of Congressional Affairs.

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POSTAL SERVICE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Sunshine Act Meeting

Board Votes to Close December 1, 2000, Meeting

At its meeting on November 14, 2000, the Board of Governors of the United States Postal Service voted unanimously to close to public observation its meeting scheduled for December 1, 2000, in Washington, D.C., via teleconference.

Matter To Be Considered: 1. Postal Rate Commission Opinion and Recommended Decision in Docket No. R2000-1, Omnibus Rate Case.

Persons Expected To Attend: Governors Ballard, Daniels, del Junco, Dyhrkopp, Fineman, Kessler, McWherter, Rider and Walsh, Postmaster General Henderson, Deputy Postmaster General Nolan, Secretary to the Board Hunter, and General Counsel Gibbons.

General Counsel Certification: The General Counsel of the United States Postal Service has certified that the meeting was properly closed under the Government in the Sunshine Act.

Contact Person for More Information: Requests for information about the meeting should be addressed to the Secretary of the Board, David G. Hunter, at (202) 268-4800.

David G. Hunter,

Secretary.

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POSTAL SERVICE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Sunshine Act Meeting

TIMES AND DATES: 1 p.m., Monday, December 4, 2000; 8:30 a.m., Tuesday, December 5, 2000; 10 a.m., Tuesday, December 5, 2000.

PLACE: Washington, DC, at U.S. Postal Service Headquarters, 475 L'Enfant Plaza, SW., in the Benjamin Franklin Room.

STATUS: December 4 (Closed); December 5—8:30 a.m. (Open); 10 a.m. (Closed).

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

Monday, December 4—1 p.m. (Closed)

1. Audit Committee Report and Review of Year-End Financial Statements.

2. Preliminary Fiscal year 2002 Appropriation Request.

3. Postal Rate Commission Opinion and Recommended Decision in Docket No. R2000-1, Omnibus Rate Case.

4. Personnel Matters.

5. Compensation Issues.

6. Strategic Planning.

7. Fiscal year 2001 EVA Variable Pay Program.

Tuesday, December 5—8:30 a.m. (Open)

1. Minutes of the Previous Meeting, November 13-14, 2000.

2. Remarks of the Postmaster General/Chief Executive Officer.

3. Consideration of Fiscal Year 2000 Audited Financial Statements.

4. Final Fiscal Year 2002 Appropriation Request.

5. Capital Investments.

a. Milwaukee, Wisconsin, P&DC Ramp and Maneuvering Area Restoration.

b. Indianapolis, Indiana, Consolidated Mail Processing Annex.

c. Automated Flat Feed and OCR Additional Funding.

6. Tentative Agenda for the January 8-9, 2001, meeting in Washington, DC.

Tuesday, December 5—10 a.m. (Closed)

1. Continuation of Monday's Closed Agenda.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION: David G. Hunter, Secretary of the Board, U.S. Postal Service, 475 L'Enfant Plaza, SW., Washington, DC 20260-1000. Telephone (202) 268-4800.

David G. Hunter,

Secretary.

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