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In the attached notice, the Office of Thrift Supervision (OTS) is proposing clarifying amendments to the ex parte communications provisions of the Uniform Rules of Practice and Procedure in Adjudicatory Proceedings. The proposal would clarify that OTS enforcement staff are not precluded from seeking approval from the agency's director for amendments or terminations of enforcement actions.

The Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, and National Credit Union Administration are proposing the same rule changes to their uniform rules in separate notices of proposed rulemaking. The amendment would clarify that provisions of the uniform rules relating to ex parte communications conform to the requirements of the Administrative Procedure Act (APA).

The notice of proposed rulemaking was published in the December 5, 1994, edition of the Federal Register, Vol. 59, No. 232, pp. 62354-62356. Written comments must be received on or before January 4, 1995, and should be addressed to: Director, Information Services, Office of Thrift Supervision, 1700 G Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20552, Attention: Docket No. 94-252.

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