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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background: The SAB was established pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 4365 to provide independent scientific and technical advice to the Administrator on the technical basis for Agency positions and regulations. The SAB is a Federal Advisory Committee chartered under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), 5 U.S.C., App. 2. Pursuant to FACA and EPA policy, notice is hereby given that the SAB Panel will hold two public teleconferences to provide an independent review of EPA's Draft Hydraulic Fracturing Study Plan.

Hydraulic fracturing generates vertical and horizontal fractures in underground geologic formations to facilitate extraction of gas (or oil) from the subsurface. The general process involves drilling a vertical well, in many cases extending the well bore horizontally into the formation, removing water, injecting hydraulic fracturing fluids and then extracting the natural gas along with separation and management of fluids. To respond to concerns voiced by the public and meet a Congressional request, the EPA Office of Research and Development (ORD) initiated a study on the potential impacts of hydraulic fracturing on drinking water resources. At a public face-to-face meeting on April 7-8, 2010, the SAB Environmental Engineering Committee (EEC) augmented with other SAB members evaluated and commented on ORD's proposed scope of study and key research questions regarding the potential public health and drinking water resource issues that may be associated with hydraulic fracturing [**Federal Register** Notice dated March 18, 2010 (75 FR 13125)]. On June 24, 2010 the SAB provided the EPA Administrator with an advisory report entitled *Advisory on EPA's Research Scoping Document Related to Hydraulic Fracturing*, EPA-SAB-10-009.

ORD's next step was to develop a draft Study Plan for its hydraulic fracturing research. The SAB formed a new Hydraulic Fracturing Study Plan Review Panel which met on March 7-8, 2011 to discuss and evaluate ORD's Draft Hydraulic Fracturing Study Plan. [**Federal Register** Notice dated February 9, 2011 (76 FR 7199-7180)]. Materials from the March 2011 meeting are posted on the SAB Web site at <http://yosemite.epa.gov/sab/sabproduct.nsf/MeetingCal/153AC7DF8D2626F98525781000648075?OpenDocument>. The purpose of the

May 19, 2011 and May 25, 2011 teleconference calls is for the SAB Panel to discuss its draft review report that was developed based on consensus views reached at the March 7-8, 2011 meeting.

Availability of Meeting Materials: The agenda and materials in support of these teleconference calls will be placed on the EPA SAB Web site at <http://www.epa.gov/sab> in advance of the teleconference calls.

Procedures for Providing Public Input: Public comment for consideration by EPA's federal advisory committees and panels has a different purpose from public comment provided to EPA program offices. Therefore, the process for submitting comments to a federal advisory committee is different from the process used to submit comments to an EPA program office.

Federal advisory committees and panels, including scientific advisory committees, provide independent advice to EPA. Members of the public can submit comments for a federal advisory committee to consider as it develops advice for EPA. Input from the public to the SAB will have the most impact if it provides specific scientific or technical information or analysis for SAB to consider or if it relates to the clarity or accuracy of the technical information. Members of the public wishing to provide comment should contact the Designated Federal Officer for the relevant advisory committee directly.

Oral Statements: Members of the public have opportunity to provide oral statements during the May 19, 2011 teleconference call. In general, individuals requesting an oral presentation during the May 19, 2011 public teleconference will be limited to three minutes per speaker. Interested parties should contact Mr. Edward Hanlon, DFO, in writing (preferably via e-mail), at the contact information noted above, by May 12, 2011 to be placed on the list of public speakers for the teleconference.

Written Statements: Written statements should be received in the SAB Staff Office by May 12, 2011 so that the information may be made available to the Panel for their consideration. Written statements should be supplied to the DFO in electronic format via e-mail (acceptable file formats: Adobe Acrobat PDF, WordPerfect, MS Word, MS PowerPoint, or Rich Text files in IBM-PC/Windows 98/2000/XP format). It is the SAB Staff Office general policy to post written comments on the Web page prior to the advisory meeting or teleconference. Submitters are requested to provide an unsigned version of each

document because the SAB Staff Office does not publish documents with signatures on its Web sites. Members of the public should be aware that their personal contact information, if included in any written comments, may be posted to the SAB Web site.

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Accessibility: For information on access or services for individuals with disabilities, please contact Mr. Edward Hanlon at the phone number or e-mail address noted above, preferably at least ten days prior to the meeting, to give EPA as much time as possible to process your request.

Dated: April 15, 2011.

Anthony F. Maciorowski,

Deputy Director, EPA Science Advisory Board Staff Office.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

Federal Advisory Committee Act; Open Internet Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Notice; of intent to establish.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, the purpose of this notice is to announce that a Federal Advisory Committee, known as the "Open Internet Advisory Committee" (hereinafter "the Committee"), is being established.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ellen Satterwhite, Federal Communications Commission, Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau, 202-418-3626, e-mail: ellen.satterwhite@fcc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Chairman of the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") has determined that the establishment of the Committee is necessary and in the public interest in connection with the performance of duties imposed on the FCC by law. The Committee Management Secretariat, General Service Administration concurs with the establishment of the Committee. The purpose of the Committee is to track and evaluate the effects of the FCC's Open Internet rules (available at http://www.fcc.gov/Daily_Releases/Daily_Business/2010/db1223/FCC-10-201A1.pdf), and to provide any recommendations the Committee deems appropriate to the FCC regarding

policies and practices related to preserving the open Internet. The Committee will observe market developments regarding the freedom and openness of the Internet and will focus in particular on issues addressed in the FCC's Open Internet rules, such as transparency, reasonable network management practices, differences in treatment of fixed and mobile broadband services, specialized services, technical standards, and the state of competition.

Federal Communications Commission.

Marlene H. Dortch,
Secretary.

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Notice

AGENCY: Federal Election Commission.

DATE AND TIME: Tuesday, April 26, 2011, 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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PERSON TO CONTACT FOR INFORMATION:

Judith Ingram, Press Officer, Telephone: (202) 694-1220.

Shelley E. Garr,

Deputy Secretary of the Commission.

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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

Formations of, Acquisitions by, and Mergers of Bank Holding Companies

The companies listed in this notice have applied to the Board for approval, pursuant to the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956 (12 U.S.C. 1841 *et seq.*) (BHC Act), Regulation Y (12 CFR part 225), and all other applicable statutes and regulations to become a bank holding company and/or to acquire the assets or the ownership of, control of, or the power to vote shares of a bank or

bank holding company and all of the banks and nonbanking companies owned by the bank holding company, including the companies listed below.

The applications listed below, as well as other related filings required by the Board, are available for immediate inspection at the Federal Reserve Bank indicated. The application also will be available for inspection at the offices of the Board of Governors. Interested persons may express their views in writing on the standards enumerated in the BHC Act (12 U.S.C. 1842(c)). If the proposal also involves the acquisition of a nonbanking company, the review also includes whether the acquisition of the nonbanking company complies with the standards in section 4 of the BHC Act (12 U.S.C. 1843). Unless otherwise noted, nonbanking activities will be conducted throughout the United States.

Unless otherwise noted, comments regarding each of these applications must be received at the Reserve Bank indicated or the offices of the Board of Governors not later than May 16, 2011.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of Boston (Richard Walker, Community Affairs Officer) P.O. Box 55882, Boston, Massachusetts 02106-2204:

1. *Mechanics Bancorp, MHC and Mechanics Bancorp, Inc.*, both of Taunton, Massachusetts; to become a mutual bank holding company and a stock bank holding company, respectively, by acquiring Mechanics Co-operative Bank, Taunton, Massachusetts.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, April 18, 2011.

Robert deV. Frierson,

Deputy Secretary of the Board.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Office of the Secretary

Delegation of Authority

Notice is hereby given that I have delegated to the Commissioner of Food and Drugs the authorities vested in the Secretary of Health and Human Services under Section 3 of the Comprehensive Smokeless Tobacco Health Education Act of 1986 (15 U.S.C. 4402) (as amended by the Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act), as amended. These authorities may be redelegated.

These authorities shall be exercised under the Department's policy on regulations and the existing delegation

of authority to approve and issue regulations. In addition, I hereby ratify and affirm any actions taken by the Commissioner of Food and Drugs, or other FDA officials, which involved the exercise of the authorities delegated herein prior to the effective date of this delegation. This delegation is effective upon signature.

(Authority: Section 6 of the Reorganization Plan No. 1 of 1953, Section 2 of the Reorganization Plan No. 3 of 1966, and 5 U.S.C. 301.)

Dated: April 14, 2011.

Kathleen Sebelius,

Secretary of Health and Human Services.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

HIT Standards Committee Advisory Meeting; Notice of Meeting

AGENCY: Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology, HHS.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

This notice announces a forthcoming meeting of a public advisory committee of the Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (ONC). The meeting will be open to the public.

Name of Committee: HIT Standards Committee.

General Function of the Committee: to provide recommendations to the National Coordinator on standards, implementation specifications, and certification criteria for the electronic exchange and use of health information for purposes of adoption, consistent with the implementation of the Federal Health IT Strategic Plan, and in accordance with policies developed by the HIT Policy Committee.

Date and Time: The meeting will be held on May 18, 2011, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m./Eastern Time.

Location: Washington Marriott Hotel, 1221 22nd Street, NW., Washington, DC. For up-to-date information, go to the ONC Web site, <http://healthit.hhs.gov>.

Contact Person: Judy Sparrow, Office of the National Coordinator, HHS, 330 C Street, SW., Washington, DC 20201, 202-205-4528, Fax: 202-690-6079, e-mail: judy.sparrow@hhs.gov. Please call the contact person for up-to-date information on this meeting. A notice in the **Federal Register** about last minute modifications that impact a previously announced advisory committee meeting cannot always be published quickly enough to provide timely notice.