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**Kentucky Tobacco Settlement Trust Corporation Announces Plans To Hold  
Public Forum and Next Board Meeting**

The Kentucky Tobacco Settlement Trust Corporation, chaired by Governor Paul Patton, will conduct a public forum on the compensation plan for the distribution of funds from the National Tobacco Growers Settlement Trust. The purpose of this public forum is to allow interested parties an opportunity to give testimony directly to the Kentucky Tobacco Settlement Trust Corporation's Board of Directors.

The public forum will take place on January 17, 2001 at Heritage Hall in Lexington 3:30 – 6:00 PM. The forum will be held at the conclusion of the Tobacco Expo.

The Kentucky Tobacco Settlement Trust Corporation Board of Directors will convene on January 18, 2001. The board meeting will begin at 10:00 AM and take place in room 110 of the Capitol Building in Frankfort. The Board will vote on a compensation plan to be used for the future distribution of Phase II funds.