DESCRIPTIONS OF THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE ORDER, AS PROPOSED, REGULATING THE HANDLING OF MILK IN THE Upper Midwest Marketing Area

SUMMARY OF THE ORDER, AS PROPOSED TO BE AMENDED

The order, as proposed to be amended, upon which this referendum is held, will include the terms and provisions of the order currently regulating the handling of milk in the Upper Midwest marketing area without changes:

The decision adopts as a final rule without changes the provisions of the interim final rule, issued June 1, 2005 (70 FR 31321). Specifically, the final partial decision will:

- 1) Establish that only supply plants located in Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, Wisconsin, and the Upper Peninsula of Michigan may use milk delivered directly from producers' farms for qualification purposes;
- 2) Eliminate diversions to nonpool plants outside of the States that comprise the Upper Midwest marketing area; and
- 3) Limit the transportation credit received by handlers to the first 400 miles of applicable milk movements.

The changes to the order are based on the official record of a public hearing held on August 16-19, 2004, in Bloomington, Minnesota.