January 5, 2006

TO: Interested Persons - Upper Midwest Marketing Area

SUBJECT: Notice of Hearing

Enclosed is a notice of public hearing which is being held to consider proposals to amend all Federal milk orders, including the Upper Midwest Order. The proposals would seek to amend the Class III and Class IV milk price formula manufacturing allowances. Evidence will be taken at the hearing to determine whether emergency marketing conditions exist that would warrant omission of a recommended decision under the rules of practice and procedure with respect to any proposed amendments. A press release is also included.

The hearing will convene at 8:30 a.m. on January 24, 2006 at the following location:
Sheraton Suites Old Town Alexandria
801 North Saint Asaph Street
Alexandria, Virginia 22314
Telephone: (703) 836-4700

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Enclosures