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TO: Interested Persons – Upper Midwest Marketing Area

SUBJECT: Notice of Hearing

Enclosed is a notice of a public hearing which is being held to consider proposals to amend the Upper Midwest Federal Milk Order (Order 30). A related program announcement is also enclosed.

A proposal to limit the volume of distant milk pooled on Order 30 by changing the requirements for producer milk originating outside of the Upper Midwest will be heard. Another proposal would limit the pooling of producer milk normally associated with the market that was not pooled in a prior month(s) while also changing the pooling requirements for producer milk originating outside of the Upper Midwest. Other proposals would establish a *dairy farmer for other markets* provision and would amend the touch base requirements and the diversion limits for Order 30. Also, another proposal would increase the maximum rate the Market Administrator may charge for the expense of administration of the order from 5¢ per cwt. to 8¢ per cwt.

The hearing will convene at 1:00 p.m. on Monday, July 19, 2004 at the following location

Sofitel Minneapolis Hotel 5601 West 78th Street (I-494 & Highway 100) Bloomington, Minnesota 55439 Telephone: (952) 835-1900

Witnesses at the hearing who wish to introduce exhibits should provide the Presiding Officer at the hearing with 4 copies of such exhibits for the Official Record. Also, it would be helpful if additional copies are available for the use of other participants at the hearing.

/s/ H. Paul Kyburz
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Enclosures