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TO: Interested Persons - Upper Midwest Marketing Area

SUBJECT: Notice of Intent to Hold Public Information Session Prior to Hearing

Enclosed is a notice of intent to hold a public information session prior to hearing. This was published in the November 16, 2006 *Federal Register*. A related press release is also enclosed.

This notice announces a public information session to be held addressing proposals received to amend the Federal order Class III and Class IV product price formulas. The purpose of the pre-hearing information session is for interested parties to learn about the intent of proposals that have been submitted to amend Class III and Class IV product price formulas and how the proposals would accomplish that intent. The submitted proposals can be found at: http://www.ams.usda.gov/dairy/class_III_IV_pr_formulas/add_proposals.htm.

The session is intended to clarify the intent and effect of proposed amendments. The session will enable proponents to better prepare testimony and evidence in support of, or in opposition to, proposals that may be included in the Hearing Notice announcing the Class III/IV hearing.

The public information session will convene at 8:30 a.m. on December 5, 2006 at the following location:

USDA Whitten Building 1400 Independence Avenue, SW Room 107-A Washington, DC 20250

Further details regarding the information session can be found at: http://www.ams.usda.gov/ dairy/info_session/info_session.htm.

/s/ H. Paul Kyburz Market Administrator

Enclosures