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Victor Halverson, Market Administrator  
Federal Order 30  
1600 West 82<sup>nd</sup> Street, Suite 200  
Minneapolis, MN 55431-1420

Dear Market Administrator,

Mid-West Dairy's Co. supports the request made by CMPC to reduce the current Federal Order 30 minimum Class I shipping percentage from 10% to 7.5%. Mid-West is a cooperative marketing the milk of approximately 120 dairy farmers in Northern Illinois and Southern Wisconsin. Mid-West is not a CMPC member, but does participate in the CMPC Supply Plant System for Federal Order 30.

In January 2000, the first month of shipments under the newly reformed Federal Orders, Mid-West producers had a farm average 3,853 pounds per day. By January 2015 average daily production per farm was 5,684 pounds, a 52% increase from the January 2000 level. Fluid milk sales have certainly not seen such an increase.

Mid-West producers in January 2017 had a daily average of 6,297 pounds per farm, a 10.8% increase in production from just two years earlier.

The combination of stagnant Class I sales and increasing milk production compels the Mid-West Board of Directors to support a reduction in the Class I shipping percentage. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Dennis Tonak, Manager, Mid-West Dairy's Co.  
On behalf of the Mid-West Dairy's Co. Board of Directors