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 with the following changes and modifications:

The tentative partial decision recommends changes to the Upper Midwest milk marketing order. Specifically, this decision recommends a proposed Upper Midwest order that would include:

- 1) Revising the supply plant performance standards so that milk seeking to be pooled on the order demonstrates consistent service to the Class I market;
- 2) Preventing handlers located within the States that comprise the Upper Midwest marketing area from qualifying milk located outside of the States that comprise the marketing area;
- 3) Eliminating as producer milk diversions to nonpool plants outside of the States that comprise the Upper Midwest Marketing area; and
- 4) Establishing a limit on the receipt by handlers of a transportation credit for milk movements of 400 miles or less.

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