Alto Dairy is a member-owned cooperative of dairy farmers consisting of over 1,300 member dairy farms located throughout Wisconsin and Michigan. Alto markets over 165 million pounds of member milk each month. Milk plants are located in Alto, WI and Black Creek WI. The Alto plant is pooled on FMMO #30 and the Black Creek plant is pooled on FMMO #33.

Alto's positions on the following proposals are as follows:

Proposal #2: Opposed

Alto does not support proposal #2 concerning net shipments. Virtually all distributing plants have diversions or transfers of bulk fluid milk products due to weekend or holiday milk. The proposed net shipment provision actually results in an increase in shipping percentages in order to cover the percentage of each shipment that is offset by net shipments calculations. When the needs of the fluid demands of the market have been met, as they currently are, the additional shipments to distributing plants result in unnecessary movements of milk as well as increased costs that will eventually have to be absorbed by the patrons.

Proposal #4: Support

Proposal #5: Opposed

Removing this election would only result in very burdensome and costly record keeping for both the handler and MA personnel with no benefits to the producers.

Proposal #7: Opposed

Proposal #9: Support

Respectfully submitted,

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