

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
 BEFORE THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE

In re:) AO Docket No. 15-0071
) AMS-DA-14-0095
 Milk in California)

NOTICE OF APPEARANCE

On February 5, 2015, the Agricultural Marketing Service, United States Department of Agriculture [AMS], received a proposal from three dairy cooperatives to conduct a hearing to promulgate a federal milk marketing order to regulate the handling of milk in California. AMS received additional proposals in April 2015. In response to these proposals, AMS published a notice of public hearing on a proposal to establish a federal milk marketing order to regulate the handling of milk in California (80 Fed. Reg. 47210 (Aug. 6, 2015)). AMS conducted a forty-day hearing during the period September 22, 2015, through November 18, 2015, over which Administrative Law Judge Jill S. Clifton presided.

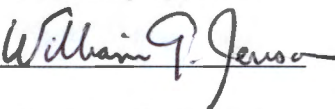
Effective February 14, 2018, Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue appointed me to serve as the judge presiding over the formal rulemaking proceedings for the federal milk marketing order for California.¹ Specifically, the Secretary of Agriculture instructed me to conduct an independent de novo review of the hearing record and either ratify or modify any decision or ruling made by Administrative Law Judge Jill S. Clifton. Pursuant to the Secretary of Agriculture's appointment, I hereby enter my appearance in this proceeding. I will conduct an independent de novo review of the hearing record and, upon completion of

¹ Attach. 1.

that review, I will issue an order setting forth my determination regarding ratification or modification of Administrative Law Judge Jill S. Clifton's decisions and rulings.

Done at Washington, DC

February 28, 2018

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "William G. Jenson", written over a horizontal line.

William G. Jenson
Judicial Officer




DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
WASHINGTON, O.C. 20250

MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 14, 2018 **FEB 14 2018**

TO: William Jenson
Judicial Officer

FROM: Sonny Perdue
Secretary of Agriculture 

SUBJECT: Appointment to Serve as Judge in Formal Rulemaking Proceedings

Effective today, I am appointing you to serve as the judge presiding over the formal rulemaking proceedings for the Federal Milk Marketing Order for California. Specifically, you are to conduct an independent de novo review of the hearing record and either ratify or modify any decision or ruling made by Administrative Law Judge Jill Clifton. You are authorized to exercise the powers and duties of a judge under the rules of practice and procedures applicable to the proceedings. You will issue an order upon completion of the reconsideration ordered above and set forth a determination regarding ratification.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Milk in California, Petitioner

Docket: 15-0071

Having personal knowledge of the foregoing, I declare under penalty of perjury that the information herein is true and correct and this is to certify that a copy of the NOTICE OF APPEARANCE has been furnished and was served upon the following parties on March 5, 2018 by the following:

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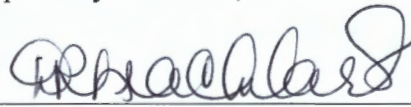
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