### UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE BEFORE THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE

In re:

Raisins Produced from Grapes Grown in California; Proposed Amendments to Marketing Order No. 989

AO Docket No. 23-J-0080 AMS-SC-23-0039

# ORDER ON POST-HEARING SUBMISSIONS AND NOTIFICATIONS TO THE HEARING CLERK PURSUANT TO 7 C.F.R. § 900.10

#### Due Dates for Certain Post-Hearing Submissions

1. On February 14, 2024, on the record at the hearing in the above matter in Fresno, California, consistent with the apparent general consensus of the participants present, and with no objection from any participant present, the following filing due dates were established for the following post-hearing submissions:

10 business days from the date the **Proposed Transcript Corrections** 

complete hearing transcript is made

available on the AMS website<sup>1</sup>

Objections to Proposed Transcript

Corrections

7 business days from the date proposed

transcript corrections are made available on the AMS website<sup>2</sup>

Briefs/Proposed Findings and

Conclusions

20 business days from the date the Presiding Judge's order on transcript corrections is made available on the

AMS website<sup>3</sup>

Weekends and legal public holidays shall be included in the count; however, if "the time for filing . . . expires on a Saturday, Sunday, or legal public holiday, the time allowed for filing . . . shall be extended to include the following business day." 7 C.F.R. § 900.15(d).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> See supra note 1.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> See supra note 1.

- 2. All submissions shall be filed with the Hearing Clerk's Office. To meet deadlines, filings must be received by the Hearing Clerk no later than 4:30 p.m. Eastern on their due date.
- 3. AMS shall post on its website the specific due dates for proposed transcript corrections and objections thereto, and for briefs/proposed findings and conclusions, calculated on the above basis.
- 4. As soon as practicable following the expiration of the filing period for briefs and proposed findings and conclusions, AMS shall file the Administrator's recommended decision with Hearing Clerk's Office. *See* 7 C.F.R. § 900.12(a).

#### Notifications to the Hearing Clerk Pursuant to 7 C.F.R. § 900.10

- 5. On February 14, 2024, the hearing in Fresno, California, in the above matter was completed, and the record was closed with the exception of the hearing transcript, which will be made part of the record when it is certified by the undersigned at a later date.
- 6. Dates for certain post-hearing submissions are set out above. I will certify the transcript after making determinations as to proposed corrections and objections to proposed corrections.
- 7. AMS will provide to the Hearing Clerk's Office for filing the official copies of the exhibits introduced and admitted into the record at the hearing. No exhibits were introduced but not accepted into the record.
- 8. In addition, AMS will post on its website the record and all other submissions in this proceeding. See <a href="https://www.ams.usda.gov/rules-regulations/moa/989-raisins/hearing-2024">https://www.ams.usda.gov/rules-regulations/moa/989-raisins/hearing-2024</a>.
  The official record will be filed with the Hearing Clerk's Office.

Copies of this Order and Notification shall be sent by the Hearing Clerk to the individuals identified below. Additionally, AMS is requested to post a copy of this Order and Notification to the hearing page of its website.

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## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

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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 ORDER ON POST-HEARING SUBMISSIONS AND NOTIFICATIONS TO THE HEARING CLERK PURSUANT TO 7 C.F.R. § 900.10 has been furnished and was served upon the following parties on February 22, 2024, by the following:

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