

John H. Vetne

Attorney at Law

PO Box 15
311 George Cole Rd.
New Portland, ME 04961

Licensed in: NH, MA

Telephone (207) 628-2005
cell (978) 618-8192
fax (207) 628-2005

johnvetne@gmail.com

March 30, 2012

Dana Coale
Deputy Administrator
AMS-Dairy Programs
U.S. Department of Agriculture
1400 Independence Ave., S.W.
Room 2968 South Building
Washington, DC 20250

Re: Milk in the Northeast and Other Marketing Areas
Docket Nos.: AO-14-A74 et al, DA-06-01: and AO-14-A77 et al,
DA-07-02-A: Operating Cooperatives' support of GNEMMA request.

Dear Ms. Coale:

On March 26, 2012, the Greater Northeast Milk Marketing Agency submitted requests to terminate pending rulemaking proceedings in Dockets AO-14-A74 et al, and AO-14-A77 et al, and to finalize the interim rules adopted in the latter proceeding. These proceedings addressed the make allowance and regulated price formulas for milk used to produce manufactured products. Proponents of rule amendments included Operating Cooperatives, Agri-Mark, Inc., Associated Milk Producers, Inc., Foremost Farms USA Cooperative, Land O'Lakes, Inc., Michigan Milk Producers Association, and Northwest Dairy Association, whom I represent.

The Operating Cooperatives strongly support the requests of GNEMMA and the rationale advanced by GNEMMA for termination of these proceedings, and for finalization of the interim rule adopted in Docket No. AO-14-A77.

We look forward to working with Dairy Programs and dairy industry advocates to continue improvement of the Federal Milk Marketing Order Program to meet the competitive demands and economic realities of the 21st Century.

Very truly yours,



John H. Vetne
Attorney for the Operating Cooperatives

CC:

L. Eugene Whitfield, Hearing Clerk
USDA - OALJ
Room 1031, South Building
1400 Independence Ave., SW
Washington, DC 20250

EC:

Dana Coale, Deputy Administrator
Dana.Coale@ams.usda.gov

Will Francis, Director
Order Formulation and Enforcement
AMS-Dairy Programs
William.Francis@ams.usda.gov

Marvin Beshore, Esq.
Counsel for GNEMMA
mbeshore@beshorelaw.com

Operating Cooperatives