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Post Hearing Brief of Federal Milk Market Administrator

I wish to file this post-hearing brief relating to the hearing in Bloomington, Minnesota on August 16-19, 2004 (Docket No. AO-361-A39; DA-04-03). In that hearing, I testified in support of Proposal No. 7, which proposes to amend §1030.85 of the Upper Midwest Order to increase the maximum administrative assessment rate from 5 cents per hundredweight to 8 cents per hundredweight.

During my cross-examination, I referred to the maximum level of reserve funds that the market administrator is allowed to carry according to regulation. According to the Hearing Transcript (Page 702), I referred to this level as "125 percent" of the recommended level of reserves. It was my intent to say *"120 percent"* rather than *"125 percent"*. I earlier submitted this item as a proposed correction to the Hearing Transcript. This brief serves as further clarification that it was my intent (Hearing Transcript, Page 702, Line 24) to say *"120 percent"* rather than *"125 percent"* rather than *"125 percent"*.

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