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Robert N. Barley, Chairman
c/o Douglas L. Eberly, Esq.
Pennsylvania Milk Marketing Board -
2301 North Cameron Street - Rm 110, Agriculture Bldg.
Harrisburg, PA 17110

RE: Request for Second Continuance of Area 2 Cost Replacement Hearing

Dear Chairman Barley and Members of the Board:

The Area 2 milk dealers seek a continuance of the Area 2 cost replacement hearing now scheduled for January 15, 2025, and a corresponding adjustment to the rebuttal and surrebuttal deadlines that reflects the new hearing date. The Area 2 milk dealers make this request for an additional continuance because the data that is involved is complex and we wish to have more time to vet the data and corresponding analysis. Additionally, the Area 2 milk dealers would benefit from more time to share information with and have discussions with Board staff.

The Area 2 milk dealers are seeking a continuance to the March sunshine meeting because there are industry dairy meetings going on during the February Sunshine meeting. The Area 2 milk dealers are seeking an extension of the rebuttal deadline to at least January 10, but if the hearing is in March, longer would be better.

I have shared this request with counsel for the interested parties earlier this afternoon and counsel for the PA Association of Dairy Coops and Board staff do not object to this request for a continuance. I did not hear from counsel for the other interested parties.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Respectfully submitted,

BAKER, DONELSON, BEARMAN,
CALDWELL & BERKOWITZ, PC

/s/ Wendy M. Yoviene

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