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Re: Milk in the Mideast Marketing Area  
Docket Nos. AO-166-A72, DA-05-01

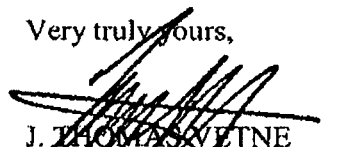
Dear Ms. Dawson:

I am writing to request a brief extension of time, to and including June 6, 2005, within which to submit a reply brief on behalf of White Eagle, et al. If this request for an extension of time is granted, the reply would be limited to the issues raised in Proposal 2 only. In support of this request, I would note that counsel for White Eagle, John H. Vetne, is presently out of the country on a long-planned vacation, and has been since on or about May 14, 2005. He does not have regular access to either a computer or the internet during his trip. I would further note that the deadline for the filing of reply briefs has not yet expired, and I do not believe that any other request for an extension has been made relative to this matter by counsel for White Eagle, et al.

Counsel Dean Foods, Mr. Charles English, has no objection to this request for an extension of time. Counsel for Dairy Farmers of America, Mr. Marvin Beshore, has no objection to a one-week extension of time, but has no authority from his client to consent to the extension requested above.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,

  
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