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Subject: RE: October 9, 2018 Procurement Cost Hearing

Chairman Barley and Members of the Board:

Board Staff supports the PAMD proposal to move the hearing to November. However, we would like to respond to the PADC proposal mentioned in Wendy's letter, that the surrebuttal submission would be on Friday, October 5, with the hearing still scheduled to begin Tuesday, October 9. That would give the Board and the parties only 3 full days, and in fact 0 business days (those three days consisting of a weekend and a state holiday) between the surrebuttal and the hearing.

Sometimes surrebuttal is uneventful. That is not likely to be the case with this hearing. Board Staff rebuttal will likely include information about how the mandated premium (if granted) could be inserted into milk resale prices, how weighting can be done, and about the review process conducted by Board Staff. Our rebuttal is reasonably likely to generate substantive surrebuttal from one or more parties. PAMD's rebuttal is likely to include its cost submissions referred to in Wendy's letter, to which Board Staff is likely (and PADC could reasonably be expected) to respond in surrebuttal.

Allowing the Board and the parties only 3 full days and 0 business days to digest and where necessary to do additional hearing preparation based on the substantive material likely to be included in the parties' surrebuttal is inadequate in Board Staff's opinion. Starting the hearing a day or two later, thereby allowing 4 or 5 days (1 or 2 business days), would not change this opinion.

Thank you,

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