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INDEPENDENT REGULATORY REVIEW COMMISSION 333 MARKET STREET, 14TH FLOOR, HARRISBURG, PA 17101

May 9, 2002

Honorable Beverly Minor, Chairwoman Milk Marketing Board 110 Agriculture Building 2301 North Cameron Street Harrisburg, PA 17110-9408

Re: Regulation #47-7 (IRRC #2137)

Milk Marketing Board

Calculation of Bonding Obligation

Dear Chairwoman Minor:

The Independent Regulatory Review Commission approved your regulation on May 9, 2002. Our Order is enclosed and is available on our website at www.irrc.state.pa.us.

We appreciate the joint effort that went into producing a regulation that meets the criteria and intent of the Regulatory Review Act.

Sincerely,

Alvin C. Bush Vice Chairman

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Enclosure

cc: Honorable Raymond Bunt, Jr., Majority Chairman, House Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee Honorable Peter J. Daley, II, Democratic Chairman, House Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee Honorable Mike Waugh, Chairman, Senate Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee Honorable Michael A. O'Pake, Minority Chairman, Senate Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee

INDEPENDENT REGULATORY REVIEW COMMISSION APPROVAL ORDER

Commissioners Voting:

Public Meeting Held May 9, 2002

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Regulation No. 47-7 Milk Marketing Board Calculation of Bonding Obligation

On August 4, 2000, the Independent Regulatory Review Commission (Commission) received this proposed regulation from the Milk Marketing Board (Board). This rulemaking amends 7 Pa. Code Chapter 151.9. The proposed regulation was published in the August 12, 2000 *Pennsylvania Bulletin* with a 30-day public comment period. The final-form regulation was submitted to the Commission on April 10, 2002.

This regulation: changes the formula by which milk dealers' bonding obligations are calculated; changes the basis of the bonding obligation calculation from the license year to the calendar year; and updates a statutory reference. The Board estimates that the new bonding obligation formula will result in a slight increase in bonding obligations for an estimated 20 percent of milk dealers.

We have determined this regulation is consistent with the statutory authority of the Board (31 P.S. § 626.7(c) and 626.8) and the intention of the General Assembly. Having considered all of the other criteria of the Regulatory Review Act, we find promulgation of this regulation is in the public interest.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

This regulation is approved.

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Alvin C. Bush, Vice Chairman