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Milk in the Appalachian and Southeast Marketing Areas

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Atlanta, Georgia

Comments of The Kroger Co.

The Kroger Co. supports the Secretary of Agriculture's decision to adopt Proposal # 3 which expands Federal Milk Marketing Order #5 by including 25 unregulated counties and 14 unregulated cities in the Commonwealth of Virginia. The hearing record presents a set of facts, which justifies the adoption of Proposal # 3.

Respectfully submitted,

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