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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Commodity Credit Corporation

Public Hearing on New Entrant's 2008—Crop Cane Sugar Marketing Allocation

AGENCY: Commodity Credit Corporation, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of invitation to request a public hearing.

SUMMARY: The Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) issues this notice to advise sugarcane processors and growers that they may request a public hearing as a result of an application made by a new sugarcane processor, Andino Energy Enterprises, L.L.C., for a cane sugar allocation starting with the 2008 crop year. Andino Energy Enterprises, L.L.C., is requesting a 2008-crop year allocation of 50,000 short tons, raw value (STRV), with annual increases in its allocation to 60,000, 80,000, 100,000 and 120,000 STRV, for crop years 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2012, respectively. The new processor will be located in Louisiana, an existing mainland State in the CCC sugar marketing allotment program. If CCC receives a request for a hearing, CCC will conduct a hearing.

DATES: Send requests for hearings by June 3, 2008.

ADDRESSES: Please send hearing requests to Barbara Fecso, Farm Service Agency, United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Stop 0516, 1400 Independence Ave, SW., Washington, DC 20250-0540, fax: (202) 690-1480, e-mail: barbara.fecso@wdc.usda.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Barbara Fecso Farm Service Agency, telephone: (202) 720-4146, fax: (202) 690-1480, e-mail: barbara.fecso@wdc.usda.gov. To view original application, go to <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/FSA/webapp?area=home&subject=ecpa&topic=dsa>. Persons with disabilities who require

alternative means for communication (Braille, large print, audiotape, etc.) should contact the USDA Target Center at (202) 720-2600 (voice and TDD).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Section 359d(b)(1)(E) of the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938, as amended, authorizes CCC to provide a sugarcane processor, who begins processing after May 13, 2002, with an allocation that provides a fair, efficient, and equitable distribution of the allocations from the allotment for the State in which the processor is located. CCC is also required to establish proportionate shares in a quantity sufficient to produce the sugarcane required to satisfy the new allocation. If an allocation is provided by CCC to the new applicant, that processor's allocation will be subtracted, on a pro rata basis, from the allocations otherwise provided to each sugarcane processor in Louisiana.

CCC will publicly announce the hearing if one is requested.

Signed in Washington, DC on May 13, 2008.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food and Nutrition Service

Request for Public Comments for Use in Preparing for 2009 Reauthorization of the Child Nutrition Programs and the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children

AGENCY: Food and Nutrition Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of request for comments.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a request for public comments to help senior officials of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) prepare for the 2009 Reauthorization of the Child Nutrition Programs and the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC). USDA believes that public input and assessment of the performance of current programs—including WIC, National School Lunch Program, School Breakfast Program,

Child and Adult Care Food Program, Summer Food Service Program, WIC Farmers Market Nutrition Program, Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program, and Special Milk Program—are essential to help the Department plan for reauthorization.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The nutrition assistance programs administered by USDA work together to ensure a nutrition safety net for the Nation's children, elderly, and low-income families. These programs help protect children and low-income households from hunger. They inform all of us about the importance of healthful diets and active lifestyles. They help to prevent the health problems associated with poor nutrition and physical inactivity for all Americans.

While these programs are designed to meet the needs of people of all ages who may require assistance, they focus most strongly on the needs of children. The Child Nutrition Programs include the school meal programs (National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program) and the Child and Adult Care Food Program, which support nutritious meals and snacks served to children in schools, child care institutions, and afterschool care programs. In addition, the Summer Food Service Program and the Seamless Summer component of the National School Lunch Program provide nutritious food to children in programs in the summer months, when school is not in session.

WIC addresses the special needs of at-risk, low-income pregnant, breastfeeding, and postpartum women, infants, and children up to five years of age. It provides participants with monthly supplemental food packages targeted to their dietary needs, nutrition education, and referrals to a range of health and social services—benefits that promote a healthy pregnancy for mothers and a healthy start for their children.

Public Comment Submission

The reauthorization process provides Congress with a regular opportunity to examine the operation and effectiveness of the Federal nutrition assistance programs, and consider making improvements to their statutory structure under the Richard B. Russell