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Via USPS and EMail: jbwalker@ndep.nv.gov

John B. Walker, Executive Secretary State of Nevada State Environmental Commission (SEC) 901 S. Stewart Street Suite 4001 Carson City, NV 89701

Re: Rockview Farms, Inc. - NDEP

Client-Matter No. 17423.001

In re: ACE Petition for Declaratory Order or Advisory Opinion

(01.08.2009)

Motion to Vacate and Reset Hearing

Dear Mr. Walker:

This is in regard to the Amargosa Citizens for the Environment's Petition for Declaratory Order or Advisory Opinion filed on January 8, 2009 and the Nevada State Environmental Commission's Notice of Hearing dated January 16, 2009.

Enclosed is a Motion to Vacate and Reset Hearing filed on behalf of Rockview Farms, Inc., as Operator of the Ponderosa Dairy.

Please contact me if you have any questions regarding the Motion. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Parsons Behle & Latimer

John R. Zimmerman

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Enclosure

cc: Rose Marie Reynolds, SEC/DAG (Via USPS and EMail: <a href="mailto:rreynolds@ag.nv.gov">rreynolds@ag.nv.gov</a>)

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| 8        | BEFORE THE STATE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION  |  |  |  |
| 9        | STATE OF NEVADA  |  |  |  |
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| 11       | In re:   |  |  |  |
| 12       | Amargosa Citizens for the Environment, Petition for Declaratory Order or Advisory Opinion filed Images 8, 2000 |  |  |  |
| 13<br>14 | Opinion filed January 8, 2009.   |  |  |  |
| 15       | ROCKVIEW FARMS, INC., MOTION TO VACATE AND RESET HEARING ON PETITION FOR DECLARATORY ORDER OR ADVISORY OPINION |  |  |  |
| 16       | COMES NOW, Rockview Farms, Inc., by and through its attorneys of record, Parsons                               |  |  |  |
| 17       | Behle & Latimer, and hereby moves the Nevada State Environmental Commission to vacate and                      |  |  |  |
| 18       | reset the hearing to consider the Petition for a Declaratory Order or Advisory Opinion filed by the            |  |  |  |
| 19<br>20 | Amargosa Citizens for the Environment (ACE). This Motion is made on the ground that                            |  |  |  |
| 21       | Rockview Farms' Ponderosa Dairy is directly targeted in the Petition and its representative is                 |  |  |  |
| 22       | unable to attend the hearing scheduled on February 11, 2009.   |  |  |  |
| 23       | Rockview Farms owns and operates the Ponderosa Dairy and will be directly and                                  |  |  |  |
| 24       | substantially affected by the Commission's consideration of the Petition but its representative is             |  |  |  |
| 25       | unable to attend the February 11, 2009 regulatory hearing. Therefore, Rockview Farms requests                  |  |  |  |
| 26       | the Commission to vacate and reset the hearing date as authorized under NAC 445B.894(1).                       |  |  |  |
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| Under NAC 445B.894(1), the Commission may, for good cause, vacate and reset the time               |
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| for a hearing. Here, ACE's Petition should not be considered at the February 11, 2009 regulatory   |
| hearing because the Ponderosa Dairy is the only target of the Petition and its representative is   |
| unable to attend in order to properly respond to the allegations and requests in the Petition.     |
| Clearly Rockview Farms' will be directly and substantially affected by the Commission's            |
| consideration of ACE's Petition because ACE seeks a declaratory order that NDEP should             |
| modify the existing permit and require groundwater monitoring at the Ponderosa Dairy.              |
| Notwithstanding the procedural and substantive defects of ACE's Petition, the Commission           |
| should vacate and reset the time of the hearing to a time in which the Permittee is able to attend |
| and provided an opportunity to respond. Rockview Farms' representative, Ed Goedhart, serves in     |
| the Nevada Assembly and cannot attend the February 11th regulatory hearing because of his          |
| legislative obligations.   |

Administrative procedures for declaratory orders by the Commission should facilitate, not complicate, the process of obtaining a decision regarding an agency's position on a particular matter and resetting the Petition hearing date will allow Rockview Farms the opportunity to respond. Based on Rockview Farms' direct interest in the Petition, Mr. Goedhart's inability to attend the February 11th hearing, and ACE's interest in an open and serious discussion on the merits of the Petition, the Commission should reset the hearing on the Petition as permitted under NAC 445B.894(1).

Accordingly, Rockview Farms respectfully requests that the Commission reset the Petition hearing to a date agreed upon by the Commission, NDEP, Rockview Farms, ACE, and any other interested party.

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## AFFIRMATION

Pursuant to NRS 239B.030, the undersigned hereby affirms that the preceding document does not contain the Social Security number of any person.

PARSONS BEHLE & LATIMER

DATED this 23 day of January, 2009

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