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SUBJECT: FSP - Minnesota - Request to Extend Waivers of Section 6(o) of the Food Stamp Act, as Amended by Section 824 of the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996

TO: David M. Mikelson, Regional Director
Food Stamp Program
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This is in response your memorandum of November 13, 1997, forwarding the Minnesota State Agency's request to extend its waivers of Section 6(o) of the Food Stamp Act, as amended by Section 824 of the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996. For purposes of our response we are combining all waivers based on unemployment greater than 10 percent into a single response designated as waiver no. 970074, and all waivers based on designation as Labor Surplus Areas (LSAs) by the Employment and Training Administration of the Department of Labor into a separate combined waiver response, designed as waiver no. 980014.

We are approving the State agency's request in its entirety. We are approving the State agency's request to extend its waivers exempting individuals in Clearwater, Red Lake, and Marshall Counties based on unemployment greater than 10 percent. We are also approving the State agency's request to extend its waivers exempting individuals in Aitkin, Becker, Cass, Carlton, Cottonwood, Hubbard, Itasca, Kanabec, Koochiching, Mahnommen, Mille Lacs, Morrison, Pine, and Todd Counties from the requirements of Section 824 based on their designation as Labor Surplus Areas (LSAs) by the Employment and Training Administration of the Department of Labor for FY 1998. As requested by the State agency, we are granting an exemption for Beltrami County and including it in waiver no. 980014. The county is a designated LSA for FY 1998. It was not included in any of the previous waivers based on LSA designation.

If you have any questions, please contact Larry Tropp of my staff at 703-305-2437.

/s/

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