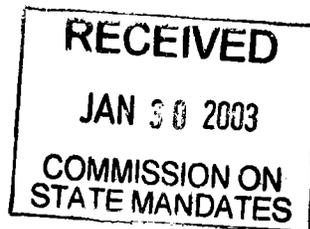


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January 29, 2003



Ms. Paula Higashi
Executive Director
Commission on State Mandates
980 Ninth Street, Suite 300
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Ms. Higashi:

As requested in your letter of January 8, 2003, the Department of Finance has reviewed the consolidated draft staff analysis of Test Claims CSM 99-TC-13, titled "Enrollment Fee Collection," and CSM 00-TC-15, titled "Enrollment Fee Waivers." Due to the additional workload caused by the special legislative session convened to address the State's current fiscal condition, and the need for adequate time for our legal counsel to complete the analysis of these issues, we respectfully request additional time to prepare our response, and consequently, a postponement of the scheduled hearing. We anticipate that we will be able to file our response by February 25, 2003.

As required by the Commission's regulations, we are including a "Proof of Service" indicating that the parties included on the mailing list which accompanied your January 8, 2003, letter have been provided with copies of this letter via either United States Mail or, in the case of other State agencies, Interagency Mail Service.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact James A. Foreman, Principal Program Budget Analyst at (916) 445-0328 or Keith Gmeinder, state mandates claims coordinator for the Department of Finance, at (916) 445-8913.

Sincerely,


Jeannie Oropeza
Program Budget Manager

PROOF OF SERVICE

Test Claim Names: Enrollment Fee Collection and Enrollment Fee Waivers
 Test Claim Numbers: CSM 99-TC-13 and CSM 00-TC-15

I, the undersigned, declare as follows:
 I am employed in the County of Sacramento, State of California, I am 18 years of age or older
 and not a party to the within entitled cause; my business address is 915 L Street, 7th Floor,
 Sacramento, CA 95814.

On January 29, 2003, I served the attached request of the Department of Finance in said cause,
 by facsimile to the Commission on State Mandates and by placing a true copy thereof: (1) to
 claimants and nonstate agencies enclosed in a sealed envelope with postage thereon fully
 prepaid in the United States Mail at Sacramento, California; and (2) to state agencies in the
 normal pickup location at 915 L Street, 7th Floor, for Interagency Mail Service, addressed as
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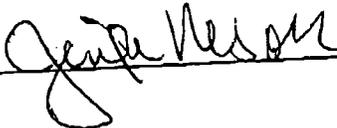
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I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct, and that this declaration was executed on January 29, 2003, at Sacramento, California.



 Jennifer Nelson