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In the matter of:	) DOCKET NO. FIFRA-10-2004-0056
Steven Tuttle, Tuttle Tool Engineering, and Tuttle Apiary Labs	) ) AMENDED PREHEARING EXCHANGE )
Respondents.	) ) )

Complainant, the United States Environmental Protection Agency, Region 10 ("EPA") submits this statement and attachments as its Amended Prehearing Exchange. Exhibits already identified and produced in the Prehearing Exchange are not included in this filing.

### WITNESSES

- Christian F. Gebhardt. Mr. Gebhardt is an Environmental Protection Specialist in the
  Pesticide Program with EPA Region 10. He will testify regarding the facts supporting the
  alleged violations. He will also testify regarding his calculation of the penalty proposed
  in the Complaint, which is summarized in his Penalty Memorandum, Exhibit C-7.
- 2. Chad Schulze. Mr. Schulze is an Environmental Protection Specialist in the Pesticide Program with EPA Region 10. He will testify regarding his purchase of "Mite Solution" from Mr. Tuttle. He will also describe the regulatory process for pesticide registration and, in particular, the exemptions to registration requirements.
- 3. Lloyd Oatis. Mr. Oatis is a financial analyst with EPA Region 10. Mr. Oatis will testify regarding Mr. Tuttle's ability to pay the proposed penalty should Mr. Tuttle pursue this

defense.

#### **EXHIBITS**

For purposes of the list of documents below, "Complainant's Exhibit No." is abbreviated as "C-." The documents themselves are labeled "Complainant's Exhibit No."

- C-1 In the Matter of Steven Tuttle, Tuttle Tool Engineering, and Tuttle Apiary Laboratories, Docket No. FIFRA 10-96-0012, Initial Decision, (ALJ McGuire, September 30, 1997).
- C-2 Copies of advertisements for Mite Solution from Bee Culture Magazine dated January 1997, July 1998, October 1998, May 2000, March 2001, October 2001, and February 2002.
- C-3 Copies of January 14, 2004 check for \$29.00 to Tuttle Apiary Labs; handwritten note requesting Mite Solution; and mailing envelope for the order.
- C-4 Answers to Common Questions About Mite Solution Oil and Jelly by Steve Tuttle, President of Tuttle Apiary Labs.
- C-5 Complaint, Docket No. FIFRA-10-2004-0056, dated March 18, 2004.
- C-6 Enforcement Response Policy for the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) dated July 2, 1990.
- C-7 Memo by Christian F. Gebhardt, "Proposed Penalty Steven Tuttle/Tuttle Apiary Labs," Docket No. FIFRA 10-2004-0056 (August 4, 2004).
- C-8 Christian F. Gebhardt resume.
- C-9 Chad Schulze resume.
- C-10 Lloyd Oatis resume.

## PROPOSED PENALTY

The penalty proposed in this case was calculated by Mr. Gebhardt in conformance with the "Enforcement Response Policy for the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA)," (July 2, 1990). The memorandum explaining Mr. Gebhardt's application of this

policy is attached as Exhibit C-7.

PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT

Item 4 in the Prehearing Order instructs the Complainant to state whether there are any

relevant Paperwork Reduction Act ("PRA") issues in this case. The PRA requires an Office of

Management and Budget ("OMB") approval number for certain information collected by an

agency. The PRA applies only to agency information requests made pursuant to regulation.1 It

does not apply to statutory requirements. Most of the alleged violations in the Complaint

resulted from a violation of the statute. The only count in the Complaint that alleges failure to

comply with a regulation is set forth in paragraphs 27 and 49, which allege that Respondent

failed to comply with the labeling requirements of 40 C.F.R. § 156.10(a). That section has been

assigned the OMB control number 2070-0060.2

PLACE OF HEARING

Respondent resides in Woodland, Washington, which is just north of Portland, Oregon.

Complainant does not object to conducting the hearing in Portland. Alternately, Complainant

proposes holding the hearing in Seattle, Washington, where the EPA Region 10 offices are

located.

Dated this 3 day of September, 2004

Respectfully submitted,

Mark A. Ryan

Assistant Regional Counsel

<sup>1</sup>See 44 U.S.C. § 3507.

<sup>2</sup>40 C.F.R. § 9.1.

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# CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that the "Amended Prehearing Exchange," was sent to the following persons, in the manner specified, on the date below:

Original and one copy, via pouch mail:

Carol Kennedy, Regional Hearing Clerk U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 10 1200 Sixth Avenue, Mail Stop ORC-158 Seattle, Washington 98101.

A true and correct copy by U.S. Mail to:

Honorable William B. Moran Administrative Law Judge EPA Office of Administrative Law Judges Mail Code 1900L Aerial Rios Building Washington, D.C. 20460.

A true and correct copy, by U.S. mail to:

Mr. Steven L. Tuttle 3030 Lewis River Road Woodland, WA 98674.

Dated: 10 1 64

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