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John M. Vittone
Chief Administrative Law Judge
United States Department of Labor
800 K Street, Suite 400
Washington, DC 20001-8002

RE: U.S. Department of Labor v. California Department of Industrial Relations
No. 2002-CCP-1

Dear Judge Vittone:

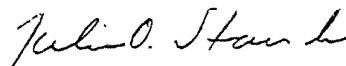
This status report is submitted by the California Apprenticeship Council, one of the respondents in this proceeding. Under California Labor Code section 3070 et seq., the Council promulgates regulations relating to apprenticeship and decides appeals from administrative decisions of the Division of Apprenticeship Standards of the California Department of Industrial Relations. Although the Council is within the Department, the members of the Council are not appointed by or under the direction of the Director of the Department and (with the exception of the Director) are not state employees.

The Council does not intend to take any discovery in this proceeding.

As of today, the Council has not been served with any discovery directed to the Council. The Council will not respond to the discovery that OATELS has served on the Department because the Council is a separate and distinct state entity. If OATLES serves discovery on the Council, the Council will make every effort to respond to the discovery in the statutory period without requesting additional time.

The hearing in this proceeding should be held in San Francisco because all the relevant events occurred in California.

Sincerely,


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