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Re: *Assistance for Unemployed Workers and Struggling Families Act
Unemployment Insurance Modernization Incentive Payments*

Dear Ms. Atkinson:

Pursuant to Section 2003 of the Assistance for Unemployed Workers and Struggling Families Act, Title II of Division B of Public Law 111-5, enacted February 17, 2009, Wisconsin hereby applies for certification from the Secretary of Labor to the Secretary of the Treasury under Section 903(4)(B) of the Social Security Act (42 USC 1103) that Wisconsin complies with Section 903(f)(2) of the Act.

Wisconsin uses a base period of the first 4 of the last 5 most recently completed quarters and, if the claimant does not qualify using this base period, Wisconsin uses an alternative base period consisting of the 4 most recently completed quarters preceding the claimant's benefit year:

108.02(4) BASE PERIOD. "Base period" means the period that is used to compute an employee's benefit rights under s. 108.06 consisting of:

- (a) The first 4 of the 5 most recently completed quarters preceding the employee's benefit year; or
- (b) If an employee does not qualify to receive any benefits using the period described in par. (a), the period consisting of the 4 most recently completed quarters preceding the employee's benefit year.

This provision was enacted in 1999 Wis. Act 15 and is currently in effect. I hereby certify that the provision is permanent, not temporary, and is not subject to discontinuation under any circumstances other than repeal by the legislature. I further certify that the application is submitted in good faith with the intention of providing benefits to unemployed workers who meet the eligibility provisions on which this application is based. Wisconsin intends to use the incentive payments for benefits and administrative costs to improve and strengthen the unemployment insurance program.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this application. Please contact me if there is any further information that you need to process this application.

Sincerely,

Roberta Gassman
Secretary

cc: Gerard Hildebrand
Regional Office