

Commodity Futures Trading Commission  
CEA CASES

**NAME:** P. J. TAGGARES COMPANY, CHEF-REDDY FOODS, PETER J. TAGGARES, KENNETH L. RAMM IDAHO POTATO PACKERS CORP., ROBERT H. ABEND IDAHO POTATO PACKERS OF IDAHO, INC., HAROLD ABEND, SIMPLOT EASTERN IDAHO PRODUCE COMPANY, INC. SAN JACINTO PACKING CO., AGRI-EMPIRE, INC., JAMES MINOR, UNIVERSAL LAND-SNAKE RIVER, EDWARD SPIEGEL, MODIE J. SPIEGEL, J. R. SIMPLOT COMPANY, INC., AND JACK R. SIMPLOT

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Commodity Exchange Authority

Washington, D. C. 20250

ISSUANCE OF COMPLAINT - CEA DOCKET NO. 200

(Administrative Hearing Under the Commodity Exchange Act)

A complaint and notice of hearing has been signed by the Assistant Secretary of Agriculture charging violation of the Commodity Exchange Act by:

P. J. Taggares Company,

Chef-Reddy Foods,

Peter J. Taggares,

Kenneth L. Ramm

(Othello, Washington)

Idaho Potato Packers Corp.,

Robert H. Abend

(Bronx, New York)

Idaho Potato Packers of Idaho, Inc.,

Harold Abend,

Simplot Eastern Idaho Produce Company, Inc. (Blackfoot, Idaho)

San Jacinto Packing Co.,

Agri-Empire, Inc.,

James Minor

(San Jacinto, California)

Universal Land-Snake River

Edward Spiegel

(Pasco, Washington)

Modie J. Spiegel

(Chicago, Illinois)

J. R. Simplot Company, Inc.,

Jack R. Simplot (Boise, Idaho)

The complaint charges attempted manipulation of the price of the May 1971 Idaho potato future on the Chicago Mercantile Exchange. It alleges that a number of large long traders, acting in concert, attempted to raise the price of

the future. It also alleges that at the same time a large short trader attempted to hold the price down.

The issuance of a complaint under the Commodity Exchange Act does not constitute proof of violation of the law. Such violation is established only when the Judicial Officer of the Department has made a determination that the evidence substantiates allegations in the complaint. Complaints are filed in the Office of the Hearing Clerk of the Department of Agriculture and are a matter of public record. Pending disposition by the Judicial Officer, it is the policy of the Commodity Exchange Authority not to comment or elaborate on charges contained in complaints or to discuss evidence on which they are based.

A public hearing on the complaint is scheduled to be held before a referee in Chicago, Illinois, at a place therein and date to be specified later.

**LOAD-DATE:** June 16, 2008



