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**COMMISSION ON  
STATE MANDATES**

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

Dear Ms. Higashi:

This letter is to inform you that the Department of Finance is requesting an additional extension of time for the filing of comments on the Commission on State Mandates Test Claim No. 03-TC-09, titled "Teacher Credentialing." The Commission granted us an extension of time to file comments on this Test Claim until April 19, 2004. While we have made significant progress on our analysis, budget-related workload and the complexity of the test claim requires that we respectfully request an extension to May 19, 2004, for completion of our review and preparation of a response.

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 October 7, 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 Michael Wilkening, 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

Attachment

## PROOF OF SERVICE

Test Claim Name: Teacher Credentialing  
 Test Claim Number: CSM-03-TC-09

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, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814.

On April 14, 2004, I served the attached recommendation 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, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor, for Interagency Mail Service, addressed as follows:

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Legislative Analyst's Office  
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Department of Education  
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Commission on Teacher Credentialing  
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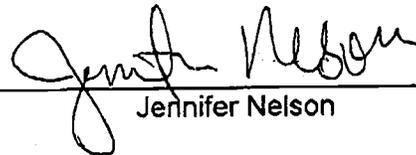
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I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct, and that this declaration was executed on April 14, 2004, at Sacramento, California.



Jennifer Nelson