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AGRICULTURAL MARKETING SERVICE
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**CONFIDENTIAL BACKGROUND STATEMENT
(COMMITTEE MEMBER)**

MARKETING ORDER NO. 927 – PEARS GROWN IN OREGON AND WASHINGTON

DISTRICT _____ **POSITION** _____ **COMMITTEE YEAR** _____

I wish to serve on the FRESH PEAR COMMITTEE or PROCESSED PEAR COMMITTEE (mark one)

Name _____ Telephone No. (____) _____

Firm (if handler or processor) _____ Title _____

Address (Business) _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email Address _____ Certified Organic? Yes No

Grower: Years growing _____ Handler: Years handling _____ Processor: Years processing _____

Grower: Acreage _____ Handler: Std. Boxes Handled _____ Processor: Tons processed _____

Membership in industry organizations: _____

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Signature

Date

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