## IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

ORDER NO. 1250

Amending Appellate Rule 602(a) concerning the time for taking an appeal from an administrative agency decision.

IT IS ORDERED:

Paragraph (a) of Appellate Rule 602 is amended to read as follows:

(a) When Taken.

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(2) Appeals from Administrative Agencies. An appeal may be taken to the superior court from an administrative agency within 30 days from the date that the decision appealed from is mailed or otherwise distributed to the appellant. If a request for agency reconsideration is timely filed before the agency, the notice of appeal must be filed within 30 days after the date the agency's reconsideration decision is mailed or otherwise distributed to the appellant, or after the date the request for reconsideration is deemed denied under agency regulations whichever is earlier. The 30-day period for taking an appeal does not begin to run until the agency has issued a decision that clearly states that it is a final decision and that the claimant has thirty days to appeal. An appeal that is taken from a final decision that does not include such a statement is not a premature appeal.

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DATED: <u>May 2, 1996</u>

EFFECTIVE DATE: \_\_\_\_\_\_July 15, 1996

n Chief Justice Compton

Justice Rabinowitz a Nanen n Justice Matthews

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Justice Fabe

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