

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Drug Enforcement Administration

In the Matter of

**Schedules of Controlled Substances:  
Proposed Rescheduling of Marijuana**

**DEA Docket No. 1362  
Hearing Docket No. 24-44**

**ORDER DENYING NON-PARTICIPANT MOTION (Watts)**

Today this tribunal received a letter from Michael S. Watts (Watts), a non-Designated Participant, requesting that he be allowed to provide testimony in the hearing on the merits in the above captioned-matter (Motion or Mot.).<sup>1</sup> Mot. at 1. In addition to the Motion, Watts also submitted a copy the comment he filed with the Drug Enforcement Administration (the Agency) during the Agency's notice and comment period in this proposed rescheduling action. Although the deadline to seek hearing participation was September 30, 2024, the present record contains no hearing request by Watts prior to today.

Accordingly, inasmuch as the Motion is untimely and unsupported, it must be and herein is **DENIED**.

Dated: November 21, 2024

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JOHN J. MULROONEY, II  
Chief Administrative Law Judge

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

This is to certify that the undersigned, on November 21, 2024 caused a copy of the foregoing to be delivered to the following recipients: (1) James J. Schwartz, Esq., Counsel for the Government, via email at james.j.schwartz@dea.gov; Jarrett T. Lonich, Esq., Counsel for the Government, via email at jarrett.t.lonich@dea.gov; and S. Taylor Johnston, Esq., Counsel for the Government, via email at stephen.t.johnston@dea.gov; (2) the DEA Government Mailbox, via email at dea.registration.litigation@dea.gov; (3) Shane Pennington, Esq., Counsel for Village Farms International, via email at spennington@porterwright.com; and Tristan Cavanaugh, Esq.,

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<sup>1</sup> The Motion does not include any argument regarding why the requested relief is justified.

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