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November 19, 2002

VIA UPS OVERNIGHT

Jonathan G Katz, Secretary
Securities and Exchange Commission
450 Fifth Street, N W
Washington, DC 20549

**Re: Cenex Harvest States Cooperatives
Sworn Statements of Principal Executive Officer and
Principal Financial Officer pursuant to Commission Order No. 4-460**

Dear Mr. Katz

In accordance with the Order of the Securities and Exchange Commission requiring the filing of sworn statements pursuant to Section 21(a)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (File No 4-460), enclosed is a sworn statement from each of John D Johnson, President and Chief Executive Officer (Principal Executive Officer), and John Schmitz, Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial Officer), of Cenex Harvest States Cooperatives

Please acknowledge receipt of this letter and the enclosed statements by stamping and returning the enclosed copy of this letter in the self-addressed envelope provided

If you have any questions, please contact me at (651) 306-3712

Sincerely,

CENEX HARVEST STATES COOPERATIVES

David A Kastelic
Vice President and General Counsel

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STATEMENT UNDER OATH OF PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND PRINCIPAL FINANCIAL OFFICER REGARDING FACTS AND CIRCUMSTANCES RELATING TO EXCHANGE ACT FILINGS

I, John D Johnson, state and attest that

- 1) To the best of my knowledge, based upon a review of the covered reports of Cenex Harvest States Cooperatives, and, except as corrected or supplemented in a subsequent covered report
 - no covered report contained an untrue statement of a material fact as of the end of the period covered by such report (or in the case of a report of Form 8-K or definitive proxy materials, as of the date on which it was filed), and
 - no covered report omitted to state material fact necessary to make the statements in the covered report, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading as of the end of the period covered by such report (or in the case of a report on Form 8-K or definitive proxy materials, as of the date on which it was filed)
- 2) I have reviewed the contents of this statement with the Cenex Harvest States Cooperatives audit committee
- 3) In this statement under oath, each of the following, if filed on or before the date of this statement, is a "covered report"
 - August 31, 2001 Annual Report on Form 10-K of Cenex Harvest States Cooperatives,
 - all reports on Form 10-Q, all reports on Form 8-K and all definitive proxy materials of Cenex Harvest States Cooperatives filed with the Commission subsequent to the filing of the Form 10-K identified above, and
 - any amendments to any of the foregoing

John D. Johnson

 John D Johnson
 President and Chief Executive Officer

Subscribed and sworn to before me this
19th day of November 2002

11/18/02 Date

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 Notary Public

My Commission Expires 01/31/05

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