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Patricia Van Gerpen
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SD Public Utilities Commission
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RE: NEW GRAIN DOCKET

Ms. Van Gerpen,

Staff requests a new docket be opened for the purpose of releasing the warehouse and grain buyer bond of Colton Farmers Elevator (Colton). Colton currently has a bond effective July 1, 2018, for the 2018-2019 licensing year (Bond S-859519). Colton recently merged with Hartford Farmers Elevator, leaving the former as the surviving entity. A new bond was filed with an effective date of October 1, 2018, for the new entity, Valley Central Coop. The new bond covers all grain received on and after October 1 through the remainder of the licensing year. Therefore, the bonding company has requested Colton's bond be released for October 1, 2018 forward. Any grain received by Colton prior to October 1, 2018, would continue to be covered by Bond S-859519. All bond-eligible grain received on and after October 1, will be covered by Valley Central Coop's bond, Bond K09376240.

For further explanation, please see attached letter.

Sincerely,

Kristen N. Edwards
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