

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING OF THE INVESTIGATION OF THE NATURAL GAS INCIDENT OF MARCH 8, 2007 IN MITCHELL, SOUTH DAKOTA	Docket Number PS07-002 PETITION TO INTERVENE BY ROBERT AND JEANNE LORENZ
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Pursuant to ARSD 20:10:01:15.02, Robert and Jeanne Lorenz ("Lorenz"), by their counsel, petitions the Commission to allow their intervention in the above proceedings and state as follows:

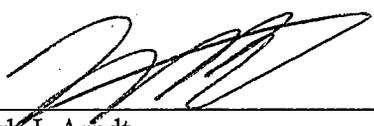
1. The Lorenzes owned the home formerly located at 1612 Bridle Drive, Mitchell, South Dakota.
2. The Lorenz home was the location of the March 8, 2007 natural gas explosion that is the subject matter of these proceedings.
3. The Lorenz home was totally destroyed as a result of the natural gas explosion.
4. The Lorenzes, via their counsel, have previously advised the Commission Staff of their interest in these proceedings.
5. The Lorenzes reasonably believe their interest in these proceedings could be adversely affected if they are not permitted to intervene.
6. The Lorenzes, or those acting on their behalf, have retained an expert witness to assist them in the investigation of the natural gas explosion. The Lorenzes' expert witness may wish to participate in joint testing, examinations and inspections on behalf of the Lorenzes.
7. As a result of the loss of their property, the interests of the Lorenzes in these proceedings are particular to them and distinguishable from the interest of the general public.

WHEREFORE, the Lorenzes respectfully petition the Commission for leave to intervene in this matter.

Dated this 25th day of July, 2007.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned, one of the attorneys for Robert and Jeanne Lorenz, hereby certify that on the 25th day of July, 2007, and in accordance with ARSD 20:10:01:02.02, a true and correct copy of the PETITION TO INTERVENE BY ROBERT AND JEANNE LORENZ in the above matter was served electronically upon:

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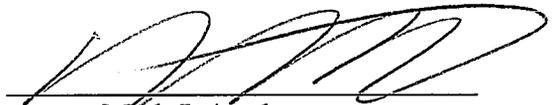
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