

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA**

<b>IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY</b>	<b>)</b>	
<b>COMMISSION PIPELINE SAFETY STAFF</b>	<b>)</b>	<b>STIPULATION AND REQUEST</b>
<b>FOR APPROVAL OF A PENALTY FOR A</b>	<b>)</b>	<b>FOR DISMISSAL WITHOUT</b>
<b>PIPELINE SAFETY VIOLATION BY</b>	<b>)</b>	<b>PREJUDICE</b>
<b>HUMBOLDT MUNICIPAL GAS</b>	<b>)</b>	
<b>UTILITIES</b>	<b>)</b>	<b>PS13-001</b>

On May 7, 2013, Pipeline Safety Staff ("Staff") of the Public Utilities Commission ("Commission") initiated this proceeding, alleging violations of pipeline safety regulations by Humboldt Municipal Gas Utilities ("Humboldt"). Staff filed an amended complaint on July 24, 2013.

The parties have been able to come to a mutual agreement to resolve all of the issues in this proceeding and have entered into this Stipulation, which, if accepted and ordered by the Commission, would settle all of the issues in the docket.

The parties agree as follows:

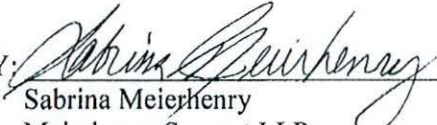
1. Humboldt will maintain in its employ or contract with a Utility Manager. The Utility Manager will dedicate a minimum of 15 hours per week to natural gas work.
2. The majority of the office administrative duties related to natural gas will be the responsibility of the Finance Officer, who will dedicate a minimum of 20 hours per week to natural gas duties.
3. The parties agree that the underlying question of whether Humboldt violated pipeline safety regulations, as alleged by Staff, should not be reached and no fines or other penalties should be imposed.
4. Staff reserves the right to re-file its complaint should the solution outline in this


filing be determined by Staff to be inadequate at a later date.

WHEREFORE, for the foregoing reasons, the undersigned parties jointly respectfully request the Commission grant the request for dismissal without prejudice of this docket.

HUMBOLDT MUNICIPAL GAS UTILITIES

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