

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY)	
COMMISSION PIPELINE SAFETY STAFF)	STIPULATION AND REQUEST
FOR APPROVAL OF A PENALTY FOR A)	FOR DISMISSAL WITHOUT
PIPELINE SAFETY VIOLATION BY)	PREJUDICE
GARRETSON MUNICIPAL GAS)	
UTILITIES)	PS13-003

On May 7, 2013, Pipeline Safety Staff ("Staff") of the Public Utilities Commission ("Commission") initiated this proceeding, alleging violations of pipeline safety regulations by Garretson Municipal Gas Utility ("Garretson"). Staff filed an amended complaint on July 23, 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. Garretson will maintain two operators in its employ whose pipeline safety duties will, at a minimum, be as follows:
 - a. Operator 1
 - i. Monday: Two hours of preparation for the week, which time will consist of identifying issues requiring immediate attention and taking care of basic pipeline tasks;
 - ii. Tuesday: Four hours of maintenance work;
 - iii. Wednesday: One and one-half hours of training for the purpose of skill and maintenance;
 - iv. Friday: Two hours devoted to finalizing any issues yet to be resolved

for the week and any other necessary actions.

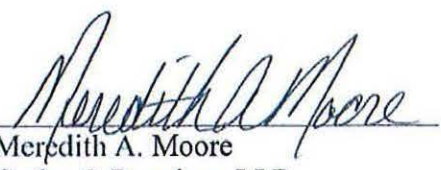
- b. Operator 2 shall have the same duties as Operator 1, but shall devote one-half of the time set forth above, except as otherwise dictated by exceptional circumstances.
 - c. Locating of lines will be performed on an as-needed basis.
 - d. Both Operator 1 and Operator 2 are on call on a 24-hour basis.
- 2. Garretson shall maintain its established dedicated phone line for customers with natural gas needs.
 - 3. Garretson will continue to contract with an outside independent contractor to assist the municipality with operation, inspection, and various compliance issues.
 - 4. The parties agree that the underlying question of whether Garretson violated pipeline safety regulations, as alleged by Staff, should not be reached and no fines or other penalties should be imposed.
 - 5. 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.

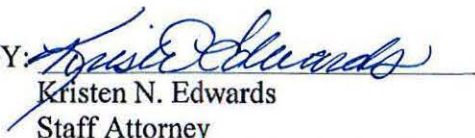
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