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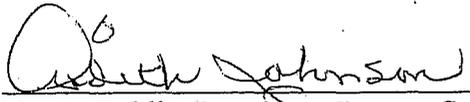
Stewart Huntington of said County and State being first duly sworn, on his oath says: That the BLACK HILLS PIONEER is a legal daily newspaper of general circulation, printed and published in the City of Spearfish, in said County and State by Stewart Huntington, and has been such a newspaper during the times hereinafter mentioned; and that said newspaper has a bonafide circulation of at least 200 copies weekly, and has been published within said County in the English language for at least one year prior to the first publication of the notice herein mentioned, and is printed in whole or in part in an office maintained at the place of publication; and that I, Stewart Huntington, the undersigned, am the Publisher of said newspaper and have personal knowledge of all the facts stated in this affidavit; and that the advertisement headed:

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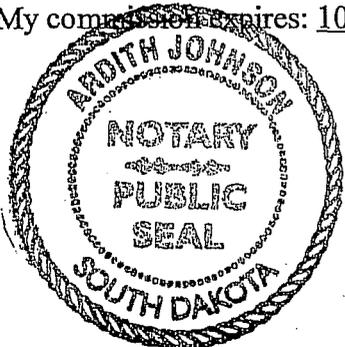
a printed copy of which is hereto attached, was printed and published in said newspaper for 1 successive and consecutive weeks, the first publication being made on the 12th day of July, 2006 and the last publication on the _____ day of _____, _____, that the full amount of fees charged for publishing same, to-wit: The sum of \$ 22800 insures solely to the benefit of the publisher of the BLACK HILLS PIONEER, that no agreement or understanding for a division thereof has been made with any person and that no part thereof has been agreed to be paid to any other person whomsoever.



Subscribed and sworn to before me this 12th day of July, 2006



Notary Public, Lawrence County, South Dakota
My commission expires: 10-24-2010



A public hearing will be held at DDN-Pierre, Room B12, State Capitol, 500 East Capitol, Pierre, South Dakota, and DDN-Sioux Falls, Room 189, 2205 Career Place, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, on August 8, 2006, at 8:30 a.m., to consider the adoption and amendment of proposed rules numbered:

20:10:11:13, 20:10:11:16 and 20:10:11:17.

One of the effects of the proposed rule changes is to make changes to the construction requirements for temporary public grain storage units. Another effect is to allow for seasonal emergency storage. Seasonal emergency storage will allow a public grain warehouse to store grain outside between July 1 and January 31. Another effect is to allow for non-seasonal emergency storage. Non-seasonal emergency storage will allow a public grain warehouse to store grain outside between February 1 and June 30. Commission approval will be needed for non-seasonal emergency storage. For temporary, seasonal, and non-seasonal storage, a warehouse operator will be required to keep a separate record of the grain.

The main reason for the proposed changes is to allow public grain warehouses to store grain outside if the warehouse's other storage facilities are filled to capacity. This will enable warehouse operators to handle grain from large harvests in order to accommodate their grain producer customers. The reason for the changes to the construction requirements for temporary storage units is to update the construction requirements.

Persons interested in presenting data, opinions, and arguments for or against the proposed rules may do so by appearing in person at the hearing or by sending them to the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission, State Capitol, 500 East Capitol, Pierre, South Dakota 57501-5070. Material sent by mail must reach the Public Utilities Commission by August 18, 2006, to be considered.

After the hearing, the Commission will consider all written and oral comments it receives on the proposed rules. The Commission may modify or amend a proposed rule at that time to include or exclude matters that are described in this notice.

Notice is further given to individuals with disabilities that this hearing is being held in a physically accessible place. Please notify the Public Utilities Commission at least 48 hours before the public hearing if you have special needs for which special arrangements must be made. The telephone number for making special arrangements is (605) 773-3201.

Copies of the proposed rules may be obtained without charge from the

South Dakota Public Utilities Commission
State Capitol
500 East Capitol
Pierre, SD 57501-5070

The proposed rules may also be found on the Public Utilities Commission's home page at the following address: <http://www.state.sd.us/puc>.