

before August 15, 2003, S&S shall file and serve on the parties hereto any affidavit(s) or other proof it wishes to present to demonstrate that a genuine issue of material fact exists as to its present interest in the outcome of this proceeding. On or before August 18, 2003, Company shall file and serve any opposing affidavit(s) or other proofs.

The Commission further serves notice that if the Commission determines at the August 19, 2003 hearing that a genuine issue of material fact is presented as to S&S's current interest in the proceeding, that the Commission will thereupon at such time and place take evidence from S&S and other parties hereto on the issue of S&S's current interest in this proceeding.

The issue at the hearing will be whether by the outcome of the proceeding S&S will be bound and affected either favorably or adversely with respect to an interest peculiar to S&S as distinguished from an interest common to the public or to the taxpayers in general. The hearing will be an adversary proceeding conducted pursuant to SDCL Chapter 1-26. All parties have the right to be present and to be represented by an attorney. These rights and other due process rights may be forfeited if not exercised at the hearing. The Commission will consider all evidence and arguments presented at the hearing. To the extent allowed by law for appeals of interlocutory decisions, the Commission's decision may be appealed by the parties to the circuit court and the state Supreme Court as provided by law. It is therefore

ORDERED, that a hearing shall be held at the time and place and in the manner specified above, on the issue set forth above; and it is further

ORDERED, that S&S shall file and serve any affidavit(s) or other proof as to the above issue on or before August 15, 2003, and that Company shall file and serve any opposing affidavit(s) or other proof on or before August 18, 2003; and it is further

ORDERED, that the time for Company to respond to S&S's pending discovery requests is extended until after the Motion to Dismiss is decided and the further order of the Commission.

Pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act, this hearing is being held in a physically accessible location. Please contact the Public Utilities Commission at 1-800-332-1782 at least 48 hours prior to the hearing if you have special needs so arrangements can be made to accommodate you.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 8th day of August, 2003.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE	
The undersigned hereby certifies that this document has been served today upon all parties of record in this docket, as listed on the docket service list, by facsimile or by first class mail, in properly addressed envelopes, with charges prepaid thereon.	
By:	<u>Helaine Kalke</u>
Date:	<u>8/8/03</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)	

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Robert K. Sahr
ROBERT K. SAHR, Chairman

Gary Hanson
GARY HANSON, Commissioner