

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

**IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY GARRETSON) ORDER GRANTING
NATURAL GAS UTILITIES FOR A WAIVER OF 49-) WAIVER
C.F.R. 192.285(A)(2) AND C.F.R. 192.285(C))
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) PS13-006**

On June 24, 2013, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a filing from the Garretson Natural Gas Utilities requesting a waiver of 49 CFR 192.285(c) with respect to requalification of persons making plastic joints. The City of Garretson operates Garretson Natural Gas Utilities, which serves approximately 546 natural gas customers. On June 27, 2013, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of July 12, 2013, to interested individuals on the Commission's PUC Weekly Filings electronic listserv. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed. On August 7, 2013, Pipeline Safety Staff filed a memorandum recommending conditions on the requalification waiver.

The Commission has jurisdiction in this matter pursuant to SDCL 49-34B, specifically, SDCL 49-34B-24. At its regularly scheduled meeting on August 13, 2013, the Commission considered this matter. The Commission voted unanimously to grant a waiver of 49 CFR 192.285(c) subject to PHMSA approval and the following conditions:

1. A person must be re-qualified under the applicable joining procedure at least once each calendar year, at intervals not exceeding fifteen months.
2. If a joiner has one joint made under this procedure that is found to be unacceptable by testing under 49 CFR 192.513, that person must be re-qualified under the applicable joining procedure as an initial qualification.

It is therefore

ORDERED, that Garretson Natural Gas Utilities is granted a waiver of 49 CFR 192.285(c) subject to PHMSA approval and to the above-stated conditions.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 15th day of August, 2013.

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, electronically.
By: <u>Joy Lashley</u>
Date: <u>8-16-13</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Gary Hanson
GARY HANSON, Chairman

Chris Nelson
CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner

Kristie Fiegen
KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner