

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

**IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY WATERTOWN) ORDER GRANTING
MUNICIPAL UTILITIES FOR A WAIVER OF 49-) WAIVER
C.F.R. 192.285(A)(2) AND C.F.R. 192.285(C))
) PS14-001**

On April 28, 2014, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a filing from Watertown Municipal Utilities (Watertown) requesting a waiver of 49 CFR 192.285(a)(2) and 49 CFR 192.285(c), regulations addressing the periodic requalification requirements for persons making plastic joints in natural gas pipelines. Watertown requests waivers to allow it to re-qualify its employees under a more flexible schedule for annual requalification of persons making joints in plastic pipelines. On May 1, 2014, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of May 16, 2014, to interested individuals and entities on the Commission's PUC Weekly Filings electronic listserv. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed.

The Commission has jurisdiction in this matter pursuant to SDCL 49-34B, specifically, SDCL 49-34B-24. At its regularly scheduled meeting on July 8, 2014, 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 Watertown Municipal 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 9th day of July, 2014.

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 Dashley</u>
Date:	<u>07.09.14</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)	

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Gary Hanson
GARY HANSON, Chairman

Chris Nelson
CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner

Kristie Fiegen
KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner