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July 10, 2017

South Dakota Public Utilities Commission
Attn: Jim Mehlhaff
500 E. Capitol Av.e
Pierre, SD 57501-5070

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**SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC
UTILITIES COMMISSION**

RE: Principal: H & I Grain of Hetland
Bond No.: 2201295
Claimant: South Dakota Public Utilities Commission

Dear Mr. Mehlhaff:

North American Specialty Insurance Company ("NAS") acknowledges receipt of your correspondence dated June 20, 2017. This correspondence does not appear to assert a claim against the captioned bond, but rather to advise WIIC of a potential claim against the bond. Accordingly, NAS will conduct an independent investigation into the merits of this matter if and when a formal notice of claim is received along with a copy of the documentation on which the claim is based.

If NAS has misconstrued the nature of your notice, please advise. If you have any questions or concerns, please call.

Our investigation should not be construed as an admission of liability or a waiver of any of the Principal's or North American Specialty Insurance Company/Washington International Insurance Company's (either or) rights, remedies or defenses, all of which are hereby expressly reserved.

Sincerely,

Kevin Mayfield

Kevin Mayfield
Assistant Vice President