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Patricia Van Gerpen
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RE: NEW GRAIN DOCKET

Ms. Van Gerpen,

Staff requests a new docket be opened for the purpose of releasing the warehouse and grain buyer bond of Hartford Farmers Elevator (Hartford). Hartford currently has a bond effective July 1, 2018, for the 2018-2019 licensing year (Bond K09233283). Hartford recently merged with Colton Farmers Elevator, leaving the latter as the surviving entity. A new bond was filed with an effective date of October 1, 2018, for the new entity, Valley Central Coop. The new bond covers all grain received on and after October 1 through the remainder of the licensing year. Therefore, the bonding company has requested Hartford's bond be released for October 1, 2018 forward. Any grain received by Hartford prior to October 1, 2018, would continue to be covered by Bond K09233283.

For further explanation, please see attached letter.

Sincerely,

Kristen N. Edwards
Staff Attorney