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Patricia Van Gerpen Executive Director SD Public Utilities Commission 500 E. Capitol Ave. Pierre, SD 57501

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 Carthage Farmers Elevator, Inc. (Carthage). Carthage currently has a bond effective July 1, 2018, for the 2018-2019 licensing year (Bond S4000554). Carthage was recently purchased by Prairie Ag Partners effective November 1, 2018. Therefore, Staff requests Carthage's bond be released for November 1, 2018 forward. Any grain received by Carthage prior to November 1, 2018, would continue to be covered by Bond S4000554.

Sincerely,

Kristen N. Edwards Staff Attorney