

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

**IN THE MATTER OF THE PUC STAFF'S
COMPLAINT AGAINST WEST PLAINS, LLC
FOR VIOLATIONS OF SDCL 49-45-1**

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**ORDER ADOPTING
STIPULATION AND
SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT**

GW21-006

On November 29, 2021, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission staff (Staff) filed with the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) a Complaint Against West Plains, LLC (West Plains) alleging West Plains purchased 123 loads of grain without a grain buyers license. On December 10, 2021, staff and West Plains filed a Settlement agreeing to and requesting approval of a \$12,000 fine to resolve all issues in this docket.

On December 2, 2021, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing to interested individuals and entities on the Commission's PUC Weekly Filings electronic listserv. The parties to this proceeding are Staff and West Plains LLC.

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant SDCL Chapters 1-26 and 49-45, specifically, SDCL 49-45-1.

At its regularly scheduled meeting of December 21, 2021, the Commission considered this matter. Having thoroughly reviewed the filings in the docket and after making further inquiry of the parties, the Commission voted unanimously to adopt the Stipulation and Settlement Agreement. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the Stipulation and Settlement Agreement is hereby adopted and shall be incorporated by reference into this Order the same as if it had been set forth in its entirety herein. It is further

ORDERED, that West Plains, LLC shall pay a civil fine of \$12,000.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 28th day of December 2021.

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 or by mail.
By: <u>Adam Detfueck</u>
Date: <u>12/28/21</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Chris Nelson
CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner

Kristie Fiegen
KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner

Gary Hanson
GARY HANSON, Commissioner