BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE MATTER OF THE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT WITH ATLANTIC GRAIN & TRADE, LLC	)))))	**ORDER ADOPTING SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND ASSESSING PENALTY** **GW22-003**

On March 8, 2022, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a Settlement Agreement and Request for Adoption of Settlement Agreement between Commission Staff (Staff) and Atlantic Grain & Trade, LLC (Atlantic) of Mt. Pleasant, South Carolina. In this uncontested matter, Atlantic admitted to purchasing grain in the State of South Dakota without a grain buyer's license. Staff and Atlantic worked together to come to an agreement as to the appropriate penalty and asked the Commission to adopt the Settlement Agreement.

On March 10, 2022, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing to interested individuals and entities on the Commission's PUC Weekly Filings electronic listserv.

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 March 29, 2022, 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 Settlement Agreement and assess a $10,000 civil penalty against Atlantic for violations of SDCL 49-45-1. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the 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 Atlantic shall pay a civil fine of $10,000 within 30 days of receipt of this Order Adopting Settlement Agreement and Assessing Penalty.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 30th day of March 2022.

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: Karen E. Cremer

Date: 3/30/22

(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

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CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner

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GARY HANSON, Commissioner