

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

<p>IN THE MATTER OF PUC STAFF'S COMPLAINT AGAINST CROSSROADS COOPERATIVE</p>	<p>)))))</p>	<p>ORDER ADOPTING SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND ASSESSING PENALTY</p> <p>GW22-004</p>
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On March 8, 2022, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a Complaint against Crossroad's Cooperative, Sidney, Nebraska filed by the Commission staff (Staff). In its complaint, staff alleged Crossroads Cooperative made numerous purchases of grain for resale between July of 2020, and March 8, 2022, a period in which Crossroads Cooperative did not hold a valid grain buyer license or grain buyer bond. Additionally, Crossroads failed to provide information requested by staff in accordance with SDCL 49-45-26. Staff has engaged in discussions with Crossroads Cooperative regarding this complaint and on April 1, 2022, filed a Settlement Agreement for Commission consideration.

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 49-45-1 and 49-45-26.

At its regularly scheduled meeting of April 14, 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 \$28,000 civil penalty against Crossroad's Cooperative for violations of SDCL 49-45-1 and 49-45-26. 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 Crossroad's Cooperative shall pay a civil fine of \$28,000 within 30 days of receipt of this Order Adopting Settlement Agreement and Assessing Penalty.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 20th day of April 2022.

<p>CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE</p> <p>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.</p> <p>By: <u>Karen E. Bremer</u></p> <p>Date: <u>04/30/22</u></p> <p align="center">(OFFICIAL SEAL)</p>
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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Chris Nelson

CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner

Kristie Fiegen

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Gary Hanson

GARY HANSON, Commissioner