

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

**IN THE MATTER OF THE PUC STAFF'S
COMPLAINT AGAINST ORGANIC
PRODUCER OF IOWA, NEBRASKA, AND
SOUTH DAKOTA (OPINS) COOP FOR
VIOLATIONS OF SDCL 49-45-1**

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AFFIDAVIT OF JUSTIN BLAIS

GW22-005

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA)
:
COUNTY OF HUGHES)

I, Justin Blais, being first duly sworn, state as follows:

1. I am an Inspector with the Grain Warehouse Program of the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission).
2. On November 8, 2021, I was dispatched to inspect Organic Producers of Iowa, Nebraska, and South Dakota Coop (OPINS).
3. OPINS was not licensed as a Grain Buyer at the time of inspection and had not been licensed since June 30, 2019.
4. During inspection I determined OPINS had purchased 33 loads of grain from South Dakota producers between June 30, 2019 and November 8, 2021.
5. At time of inspection, payment had been issued for all 33 loads.
6. At time of inspection there was no unpaid grain for South Dakota Producers.

Dated this 28 day of April 2022.


Justin Blais

On this 28th day of April in the year 2022, before me, Joy Lashley (Notary's Name), the undersigned officer appeared Justin Blais with a remote location of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, whom I have personal knowledge of because of my relationship as co-workers and whom I positively identified as the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument, appeared before me not in my physical presence but by means of video communication technology, and I

observed his/her execution of the same for the purposes contained therein and confirm that I affix my seal to the same instrument so executed.

Joe L. Jashley (Notary Public)

My Commission expires: 08.12.23

