

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE SETTLEMENT) STIPULATION WITH HEFTY SEED) COMPANY OF BALTIC, SOUTH DAKOTA))))	ORDER ADOPTING STIPULATION AND ASSESSING PENALTY GW22-007
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On October 13, 2022, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a Stipulation from Commission staff and Agronomy Science LLC dba Hefty Seed Company (Hefty). In this uncontested matter, Hefty admitted to purchasing grain in South Dakota without a grain buyers license. Staff and Hefty worked together to come to an agreement as to the appropriate penalty and requests the Commission to approve that agreement as set forth in the Stipulation.

On October 20, 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.

At its regularly scheduled meeting of October 27, 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 Stipulation and assess a \$15,000 civil penalty against Hefty for violations of SDCL 49-45-1. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the Stipulation 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 Hefty shall pay a civil fine of \$15,000 within 30 days of receipt of this Order Adopting Stipulation and Assessing Penalty.

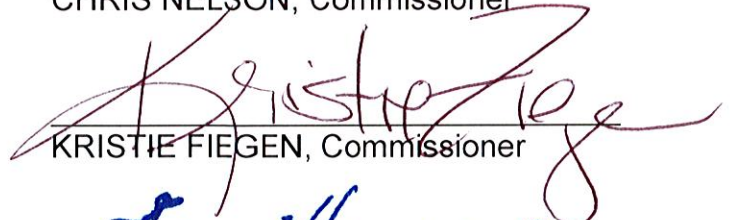
Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 28th day of October 2022.

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: <u>Karen E. Cremer</u>
Date: <u>10/28/22</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:



CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner



KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner



GARY HANSON, Commissioner