

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY)	
COMMISSION PIPELINE SAFETY STAFF FOR)	
APPROVAL OF A PENALTY FOR A PIPELINE)	REQUEST TO DISMISS
SAFETY VIOLATION BY HUMBOLDT)	COMPLAINT AND CLOSE
MUNICIPAL GAS UTILITIES)	DOCKET
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)	PS15-001
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On May 7, 2013, Pipeline Safety Staff (“Staff”) filed a letter alleging pipeline safety violations by Humboldt Municipal Utilities (“Humboldt” or “operator”). After that time, additional violations were noted by Staff, leading Staff to amend its complaint and penalty assessment recommendations. An Amended Complaint was filed on July 24, 2013. On December 9, 2013, a Stipulation and Request for Dismissal Without Prejudice (“Stipulation”) was filed by the parties. The Commission issued an Order Approving Stipulation and Dismissing Complaint Without Prejudice on December 18, 2013. On October 16, 2014, Staff filed a Second Amended Complaint, effectively reopening the docket.

A separate complaint docket, PS15-001, was opened on September 13, 2015, due to new violations. That docket has since been resolved. Because a Stipulation and Agreement reached by Staff and Humboldt in PS15-001 satisfies the concerns of Staff going forward, it is appropriate to close Docket No. PS13-001.

WHEREFORE, Staff requests the Commission issue an order dismissing the Second Amended Complaint.

Dated this 30th day of October, 2017.



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