



August 17, 2026

South Dakota Public Utilities Commission
500 E. Capitol Avenue
Pierre, SD 57501

RE: Public Comment on Proposed Grain Buyer Rule Changes

Commissioners,

On behalf of the South Dakota Agri-Business Association (SDABA), I am writing in support of the proposed amendments to ARSD 20:10:12:05.02 and ARSD 20:10:12:13.

SDABA represents more than 600 agribusinesses across South Dakota, including grain elevators and other businesses that serve the state's agricultural industry. In addition to representing grain buyers, SDABA also administers a grain bonding program, giving us a unique perspective on the importance of maintaining clear, practical, and effective financial requirements that protect producers while supporting a strong grain marketing system.

The proposed rule changes are straightforward, practical updates that provide additional clarity without changing the underlying intent of the regulations. Clarifying the conditions under which a grain buyer's bond may be released following the licensing year and adding the settlement date requirement to voluntary credit sale contracts are reasonable modifications that are supported by industry.

We appreciate the Commission's continued willingness to work with stakeholders to ensure South Dakota's grain regulatory framework remains clear, effective, and responsive to the needs of the industry. Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments, and we respectfully support adoption of these proposed rule changes.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Liv Stavick".

Liv Stavick
Executive Director
South Dakota Agri-Business Association