

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

**IN THE MATTER OF THE PUC STAFF'S )  
REQUEST TO RELEASE HARTFORD )  
FARMERS ELEVATOR'S GRAIN )  
WAREHOUSE AND GRAIN BUYERS )  
BONDS )**

**ORDER RELEASING BONDS  
  
GW18-003**

Effective October 1, 2018, Hartford Farmers Elevator (Hartford) merged with Colton Farmers Elevator to form Valley Central Coop. Hartford currently has a bond effective July 1, 2018, for the 2018-2019 licensing year. Valley Central Coop has a bond effective as of October 1, 2018, for the remainder of the 2018-2019 licensing year. On November 5, 2018, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission staff filed a letter requesting the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) release Hartford's grain warehouse and grain buyer bonds for the period of October 1, 2018, through the remainder of the licensing year. Any bond-eligible transactions on and after October 1, 2018, are covered by Valley Central Coop's bond.

On November 8, 2018, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing to interested individuals and entities on the Commission's PUC Weekly Filings electronic listserv. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed.

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL 49-43-4.1 (3), 49-43-4.3, 49-43-5.3, 49-45-6(7) and 49-45-9 and ARSD 20:10:11:04.02 and 20:10:12:05.02.

At its regularly scheduled meeting on November 15, 2018, the Commission considered the request to release Hartford's grain warehouse and grain buyer bonds. The Commission voted unanimously to grant the request to release the bonds. The Commission further found that it is not necessary to open a docket to release grain warehouse and grain buyer bonds, as such releases can be done administratively.

It is therefore

ORDERED, that the request to release Hartford Farmers Elevator's grain warehouse bond and grain buyer bond is hereby granted, effective as of October 1, 2018.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 19<sup>th</sup> day of November 2018.

<b>CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE</b>
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>Adam de Hueck</u>
Date: <u>11/19/18</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Kristie Fiegen  
KRISTIE FIEGEN, Chairperson

Gary Hanson  
GARY HANSON, Commissioner

Chris Nelson  
CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner