

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

**IN THE MATTER OF THE PUC STAFF'S)
REQUEST TO RELEASE COLTON)
FARMERS ELEVATOR'S GRAIN BUYER'S)
BOND)**

**ORDER RELEASING BOND

GW18-005**

Effective October 1, 2018, Colton Farmers Elevator (Colton) merged with Hartford Farmers Elevator to form Valley Central Coop. Colton currently has a bond effective June 30, 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 7, 2018, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission staff filed a letter requesting the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) release Colton's grain buyer bond 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. Colton's grain warehouse bond was through the USDA.

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 49-45-6(7) and 49-45-9 and ARSD 20:10:12:05.02.

At its regularly scheduled meeting on November 15, 2018, the Commission considered the request to release Colton's grain buyer's bond. The Commission voted unanimously to grant the request to release the bond. 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 Colton Farmers Elevator's grain buyer's bond is hereby granted, effective October 1, 2018.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 19th day of November 2018.

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

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Kristie Eegen
KRISTIE EEGEN, Chairperson

Gary Hanson
GARY HANSON, Commissioner

Chris Nelson
CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner