

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

**IN THE MATTER OF THE PUC STAFF'S )  
COMPLAINT AGAINST HIGH COUNTRY )  
MERCANTILE, INC. )**

**ORDER FOR AND  
NOTICE OF HEARING**

**GW19-002**

On August 1, 2019, South Dakota Public Utilities Commission Staff (Staff) filed with the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) a Complaint Against High Country Mercantile, Inc. (HCM). In the Complaint, Staff alleges HCM is buying grain without a grain buyer license in violation of SDCL 49-45-1.

On August 1, 2019, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the answer deadline of August 21, 2019, to interested individuals and entities on the Commission's PUC Weekly Filings electronic listserv.

On August 7, 2019, the Commission heard the Complaint, deferred the issue of a fine, and directed Staff to seek an injunction in circuit court pursuant to SDCL 49-45-1.

On August 13, 2019, Staff filed an Amended Complaint. In the Amended Complaint, Staff alleges HCM has made over one hundred purchases without a license and requests the Commission issue an Order finding HCM to be in violation of SDCL 49-45-1 and issue a fine for the violations.

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant SDCL Chapter 1-26 and 49-45.

It is therefore

ORDERED, that a hearing on the Complaint Against High Country Mercantile, Inc. will be held by the Commission at its regularly scheduled Commission meeting on September 3, 2019, beginning at 1:30 p.m., CDT in Room 413 of the Capitol Building, 500 E. Capitol Ave., Pierre, South Dakota.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 16<sup>th</sup> day of August 2019.

**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: Adam DeHueck

Date: 8/16/19

(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Gary Hanson  
GARY HANSON, Chairman

Chris Nelson  
CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner

Kristie Fiegen  
KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner