

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

IN THE MATTER OF PUC STAFF'S)
COMPLAINT AGAINST ENGELMAN)
COMMERCIAL GROUP, LLC DBA BC)
TRADING CORP.)
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ORDER GRANTING JOINT
MOTION; ORDER
APPROVING STIPULATION
AND SETTLEMENT
AGREEMENT

GW20-001

On January 7, 2020, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission staff (staff) filed with the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) a Complaint and Request for Injunction against Engelman Commercial Group, LLC dba BC Trading Corp. (BC Trading). In the Complaint and Request for Injunction, staff alleged BC Trading purchased grain for resale without a grain buyer license in violation of SDCL 49-45-1.

On January 9, 2020, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the answer deadline of January 27, 2020, to interested individuals and entities on the Commission's PUC Weekly Filings electronic listserv. On January 27, 2020, and February 24, 2020, Staff filed letter extending the answer deadline. On February 28, 2020, staff and BC Trading filed a Joint Motion for Approval of Stipulation and Settlement Agreement and a Stipulation and Settlement Agreement (Agreement). In the Agreement, the parties stipulated to a fine of \$4,000 for the violation of SDCL 49-45-1.

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-45, specifically 49-45-1.

At its regularly scheduled meeting of March 6, 2020, the Commission considered this matter. Staff recommended the Commission approve the Agreement as written. The Commission voted unanimously to grant the Joint Motion for Approval of Stipulation and Settlement Agreement and approve the Agreement. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the Joint Motion for Approval of Stipulation and Settlement Agreement is hereby granted, and pursuant to the Agreement, BC Trading shall pay a fine of \$4,000. It is further

ORDERED, that the fine shall be paid within thirty days of the date of this Order Granting Joint Motion; Order Approving Stipulation and Settlement Agreement.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 10th day of March 2020.

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>Karen E. Bremer</u>
Date: <u>03/10/20</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Gary Hanson
GARY HANSON, Chairman
Chris Nelson
CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner
Kristie Fiegen
KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner