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Patricia Van Gerpen Executive Director Public Utilities Commission 500 E. Capitol Avenue Pierre, SD 57501

RE: New Grain Docket – In the Matter of the Grain Buyer Bond of Pipeline Foods, LLC

Ms. Van Gerpen,

Attached for filing as a new docket, please find Staff's Letter to Atlantic Specialty Insurance Company regarding the grain buyer bond of Pipeline Foods, Inc. (Pipeline). Pipeline, a licensed grain buyer until July 1, 2021, is currently going through Chapter 11 Bankruptcy. Prior to the expiration of Pipeline's license, purchases were made from South Dakota producers, some of which would be subject to bond coverage.

Staff requests a docket be open at this time so that we may take necessary action on the bond. Staff intends to follow up with a letter to the docket as more information is learned.

Sincerely,

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Kristen N. Edwards Staff Attorney