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Executive Director  
South Dakota Public Utilities Commission  
State Capitol Building  
500 East Capitol  
Pierre, SD 57501

Re: Docket No. PS13-005  
Removal of Waiver of 49 CFR  
Sections 192.285(a)(2) and 192.285(c)

Humboldt Municipal Gas Utility submits this request to remove the waiver of 49 CFR Section 192.285(a) (2) and 192.285(c). Humboldt Municipal Gas Utility is requesting the Commission remove this waiver as it no longer necessary and is void by irrelevance due to a change in Pipeline Safety Regulations effective October 1, 2015.

Effective as of October 1, 2015, 49 CFR 192.285 Plastic Pipe: Qualifying persons to make joints.  
192.285 (c) states:

A person must be re-qualified under an applicable procedure once each calendar year at intervals not exceeding 15 months, or after “any” production joint is found unacceptable by testing under 192.513.

Humboldt Municipal Gas Utility’s request for a waiver, in Docket No. PS13-005, as authorized by the Commission allowed for the following:

1. A person must be re-qualified under an applicable procedure, at least once each calendar year at intervals not exceeding 15-months, if that person (1) does not make any joints under that procedure in the preceding calendar year; or (2) has one joint or one percent of the joints made, whichever is greater, under that procedure that are found unacceptable by testing under Section 192.513; and
2. The plastic joining requirements must be included Humboldt Municipal Gas Utility’s Operations and Maintenance Manual.

Mary Zanter, the Commission's Pipeline Safety Program Manager, requested that because the federal pipeline safety regulation is now consistent with Humboldt Municipal Gas Utility's practices authorized in Docket No. PS13-005, the Company should make this request because the waiver allowing for an alternative requalification schedule is no longer necessary.

Please contact me at 605-305-0400 or [naturalgas@humboldtsd.org](mailto:naturalgas@humboldtsd.org) with any questions.

Sincerely,

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