

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY )  
COMMISSION PIPELINE SAFETY STAFF )  
FOR APPROVAL OF A PENALTY FOR A )  
PIPELINE SAFETY VIOLATION BY )  
HUMBOLDT MUNICIPAL GAS UTILITIES )  
)

ORDER APPROVING  
STIPULATION AND  
DISMISSING COMPLAINT  
WITHOUT PREJUDICE  
  
PS13-001

On May 7, 2013, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a complaint from Pipeline Safety Staff (Staff) against Humboldt Municipal Gas Utilities (Humboldt) for violations of 49 CFR 192. Staff filed an Amended Complaint (Complaint) on July 24, 2013, alleging numerous violations of DIMP and other Pipeline Hazardous Materials Safety Administration regulations. On May 9, 2013, 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. On December 9, 2013, the parties filed a Stipulation and Request for Dismissal without Prejudice.

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapters 1-26 and 49-34B.

At its regular meeting on December 17, 2013, the Commission considered this matter. After discussion between Commissioners and Humboldt and Staff concerning Humboldt's current pipeline safety staffing situation and the importance of maintaining and executing a dedicated pipeline safety program, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the Stipulation submitted by the parties and to dismiss the Complaint without prejudice. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the Stipulation is approved and the Complaint is dismissed without prejudice.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 18<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2013.

<b>CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE</b>
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.
By: <u>Joy Lashley</u>
Date: <u>12.18.13</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Gary Hanson  
GARY HANSON, Chairman

Chris Nelson  
CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner

Kristie Fiegen  
KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner