

**PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING**

The Public Utilities Commission convened the public hearing at 10:00 a.m. on July 14, 2008, in Room 464 of the State Capitol Building.

The purpose of the meeting was to conduct a public hearing on the proposed changes to the Commission's grain buyer, warehouse, and pipeline safety rules.

The hearing was conducted by Chairman Gary Hanson. Commissioners Dustin Johnson and Steve Kolbeck were also present.

Others in attendance: Kathy Zander, Executive Director of the South Dakota Grain and Feed Association; Jim Mehlhaff, Director of Warehouse Division; Rolayne Ailts Wiest, Commission Attorney; Greg Rislov, Commission Advisor; Kara Semmler, Staff Attorney; Harlan Best, Staff Analyst; and Patty Van Gerpen, Commission's Executive Director.

Written Comments

The Commission received a written comment from Douglas Hruby, an independent public accountant, requesting that for class A grain buyers, "independent" public accountants be included as an accountant who can prepare reviewed or audited financial statements for proposed rule ARSD 20:10:12:14.

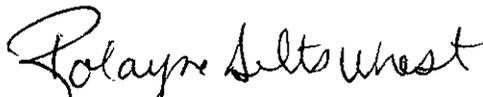
Oral Comments

At the hearing, Kathy Zander stated that her association supported the rules. Jim Mehlhaff recommended making the changes to ARSD 20:10:12:14 as proposed in the written comments of Douglas Hruby.

Adoption of Final Rules

At its July 29, 2008 meeting, the Commission unanimously voted to adopt the rules with the form and style changes as recommended by LRC and adding in "independent public accountant" to ARSD 20:10:12:14.

Respectfully submitted,


Rolayne Ailts Wiest