

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY	)	
COMMISSION PIPELINE SAFETY STAFF	)	STIPULATION AND REQUEST
FOR APPROVAL OF A PENALTY FOR A	)	FOR DISMISSAL WITHOUT
PIPELINE SAFETY VIOLATION BY	)	PREJUDICE
CROOKS MUNICIPAL GAS	)	
	)	PS13-002

On May 7, 2013, Pipeline Safety Staff ("Staff") of the Public Utilities Commission ("Commission") filed initiated this proceeding, alleging violations of pipeline safety regulations by Crooks Municipal Gas ("Crooks"). Staff filed an amended complaint on July 23, 2013. A hearing was scheduled for September 10, 2013. On September 5, 2013, the parties filed a Joint Request to Cancel Hearing.

The parties have been able to come to a mutual agreement to resolve all of the issues in this proceeding and have entered into this Stipulation, which, if accepted and ordered by the Commission, would settle all of the issues in the docket.

The parties agree as follows:

1. Crooks will maintain a full-time employee or contractor to carry out the pipeline safety duties for the municipality. This person may also be responsible for duties related to sewer and water utilities.
2. Crooks agrees to have a trained emergency contact person available in the event that the full-time person is unavailable.
3. The parties agree that the underlying question of whether Crooks violated pipeline safety regulations, as alleged by Staff, should not be reached and no fines or other penalties should be imposed.

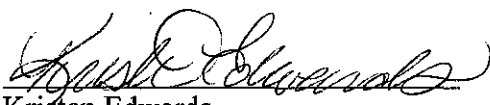
WHEREFORE, for the foregoing reasons, the undersigned parties jointly respectfully

request the Commission grant the request for dismissal without prejudice of this docket.

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