BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Commission, on its own motion, seeking to determine reasonable A & E storage rates and charges for Public Grain Warehouses for the 2016-2017 storage year.	))))))	Schedules "A" and "E" Rates ORDER SETTING SCHEDULE "A" AND "E" RATES Entered: May 25, 2016

BY THE COMMISSION:

The above-captioned proceeding was opened by the Nebraska Public Service Commission ("Commission"), on its own motion, to fix reasonable storage rates for warehouse licensees. The Commission is charged by statute to not less than once a year hold a public hearing and fix reasonable storage rates for warehouse licensees. (*Neb. Rev. Stat.* § 88-541).

Notice of the proceeding appeared in The Daily Record, Omaha, Nebraska, on April 22, 2016. The order opening the above-captioned docket and setting the hearing was entered on April 19, 2016 and mailed to all interested parties. A Public hearing was held on May 10, 2016 in the Commission Hearing Room.

The Commission received written comments from the Nebraska Grain and Feed Association recommending the rates remain unchanged at their current level.

John Fecht, director of the Grain Warehouse Department, testified on behalf of the Commission Staff, stating that no warehouse was currently charging the maximum allowed rate and recommended based on his analysis of grain prices that the current storage rates remain unchanged.

O P I N I O N A N D F I N D I N G S

In consideration of the evidence adduced, state law and the Rules of the Commission, the Commission finds that the proposed Schedules "A" and "E" Rates as found in Appendix A should be adopted commencing May 25, 2016. Appendix A maximum rates should remain at .00165 per bushel, per day on all grains and soybeans should remain at .00187 per bushel, per day for Schedule "A" rates and charges. The Commission further finds that the current cap on receiving, handling and delivery charges should remain at $.36 per bushel.

With respect to Schedule "E", rates should remain at a maximum storage and insurance charge for dry edible beans not to exceed $.0039 per cwt., per day with receiving and delivering charges not to exceed $.15 per cwt. For popcorn storage charges should remain at a maximum rate of $.0025 per cwt., per day with

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a maximum one time combined receiving and delivery charge of $.30 per cwt.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that Schedule "A" and "E" Rates as shown in Appendix A of this order, be, and are hereby, entered for the period commencing May 25, 2016, with Schedules "A" and "E" Rates remaining in effect until further order of this Commission.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a schedule of rates and charges as prescribed in Schedules "A" and "E" shall be posted in a conspicuous place in the warehouse and may not be changed except upon hearing before, and approval by, the Commission, and such schedule of rates and charges, when adopted by a warehouseman, shall be the maximum rates and charges to all depositors of grain without discrimination in storage facilities, service, or gratuity. These charges shall be full compensation for receiving, handling, storing, delivering, and insuring such grain.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the rates and charges herein prescribed be designated Schedules "A" and "E" Rates and are hereby made a part of the Order by reference, the same as though fully set forth in words and figures.

IT IS FINALLY ORDERED that this Order shall become effective as set forth in the foregoing findings, and shall continue in full force and effect until further order of the Commission.

ENTERED AND MADE EFFECTIVE at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 25th day of May, 2016.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Chairman

ATTEST:

Executive Director

//s//Frank E. Landis
//s//Tim Schram

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