BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of Fixing Reasonable Storage Rates and Charges for Public Grain Warehouses.	)	Schedules "A" and "E" Rates
	)	ORDER SETTING SCHEDULES "A" AND "E" RATES
	)	Entered: May 16, 2012

BY THE COMMISSION:

On its own motion, the Nebraska Public Service Commission ("Commission") convened a hearing on May 9, 2012, pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. § 88-541 which provides that the Commission shall, not less than once a year, fix reasonable storage rates for warehouse licensees. Notice of the hearing was first published in the Daily Record, Omaha, Nebraska, on April 6, 2012. Additional notice was mailed to interested parties on April 4, 2012.

The Commission received written comments from the Nebraska Farm Bureau Federation stating that rates should remain unchanged.

John Fecht, director of the Grain Warehouse Department, proposed that current storage rates remain unchanged.

Mr. Robert Andersen testified on behalf of the Nebraska Cooperative Council in support of staff's recommendation.

OPINION AND FINDINGS

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 16, 2012. Appendix A maximum rates should remain at .00150 per bushel per day on all grains and soybeans should remain at .00170 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 $.33 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 a maximum one time combined receiving and delivery charge of $.30 per cwt.

O R D E R

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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 16, 2012, 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.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 16th day of May, 2012.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Tim Schram

Gerald L. Vap

//s// Rod Johnson
//s// Frank Landis

Chairman Rod Johnson

ATTEST:

Executive Director

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