BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of Fixing)	Schedules "A"	and	"E"	Rates
Reasonable Storage Rates and)				
Charges for Public Grain)	ORDER SETTING	SCH	EDULI	E "A"
Warehouses.)	AND "E" RATES	3		
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)	Entered: June	2,	2015	

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 <u>The Daily Record</u>, Omaha, Nebraska, on April 9, 2015. The order opening the above-captioned docket and setting the hearing was entered on April 1, 2015 and mailed to all interested parties. A Public hearing was held on May 13, 2015 in the Commission Hearing Room.

The Commission received written comments from the Nebraska Grain and Feed Association, urging rates remain unchanged, and the Nebraska Cooperative Council, advocating a ten (10) percent increase in the maximum Schedule A rates for storage, insuring, and receiving, handling and delivery a warehouse is allowed to charge.

John Fecht, director of the Grain Warehouse Department, recommended the current Schedule E storage rates remain unchanged and a ten (10) percent increase in the maximum allowable storage, insurance and handling rates contained in Schedule A.

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 June 2, 2015. Appendix A maximum rates should increase to .00165 per bushel, per day on all grains and soybeans should increase to .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 increase to \$.36 per bushel.

With respect to Schedule "E", rates should remain at a maximum storage and insurance charge for dry edible beans not to

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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.

ORDER

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 June 2, 2015, 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 2^{nd} day of June, 2015.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Vice Chairman

ATTEST:

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

Deputy Director

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