

Date 8-13-08

To: **Public Service Commission, Fax: 701-328-2410 and
North Dakota Grain Dealers Association, Fax 701-235-1026**

The Hoople Farmers Grain Co. requests permission to increase its
(name of elevator) (circle choice)

capacity by 83,000 from _____ bushels to _____
(bushels of increase/decrease) (current bushels) (total bushels with increase/decrease)
bushels.

This is for:

*PERMANENT STORAGE effective 8-25-08
(check here for permanent)

*TEMPORARY STORAGE _____ effective _____ and to
(check here for temporary)

terminate _____
(date bond increase is to be terminated)

If ground storage, estimate bushels for each crop:

corn _____, wheat _____, soybeans _____, other _____;

location of pile(s) _____ and surface type _____
(address or directions, i.e. east of elevator) (grass, asphalt, concrete, etc.)

Sincerely,

[Signature]
(signature of person requesting change)

Gen. Mgr.
(title)

*Permanent or temporary refers to the length of time for which the bond increase is needed, NOT the storage facility structure.

In the past, temporary increases in bond to cover ground piles or other temporary storage usually expired in 90 days, or more if requested and then approved by the bonding company. If a second temporary increase was added during the life of the first increase the bond went up again, then down when the first increase expired, then up again if a third increase was added. It got plenty confusing for the manager and PSC.

To reduce the confusion, effective with the 2008 harvest, if there are multiple temporary increases the earlier ones will extend, accumulate, and expire with the last increase. Three increases of \$100,000 each will accumulate to \$300,000 that will expire when the last increase expires. The additional premium for the extension of the expiration dates will be figured in with the additional requests.

This will relieve the manager of tracking different increase and decrease dates when requesting several increases in a short period of time.