

Date 11-28-08

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

The Plains Grain & Agronomy requests permission to increase its (circle choice)
(name of elevator)

capacity by 250,000 from 3,215,000 bushels to 3,465,000
(bushels of increase/decrease) (current bushels) (total bushels with increase/decrease)

bushels.

This is for:

*PERMANENT STORAGE _____ effective _____
(check here for permanent)

*TEMPORARY STORAGE X effective 11-28-08 and to
(check here for temporary)

terminate 5-31-2009
(date bond increase is to be terminated)

If ground storage, estimate **bushels** for each crop:

corn 250,000, wheat _____, soybeans _____, other _____;

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

Sincerely,

Keith W. Brant Mgr.
(signature of person requesting change) (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.