

**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA**

**M E M O R A N D U M**

TO: Commissioners Fedorchak, Christmann, and Kalk  
Darrell Nitschke  
Legal Division

FROM: Sue Richter – Licensing Division Director *Sue Richter*

DATE: July 1, 2016

RE: Request for Temporary Authority  
Facility-Based Grain Buyer License Application  
James Valley Grain, LLC

On June 27, 2016, James Valley Grain, LLC, Oakes, North Dakota, filed a license application to operate as a facility-based grain buyer at Verona, North Dakota. This \$28 million - 3 million bushel shuttle facility (1.5 million bushels concrete and 1.5 million bushels bunker) is new construction and was recently completed.

James Valley Grain, LLC is a grain storage and handling cooperative that grew from a joint venture between the South Dakota Wheat Growers Cooperative and Norway Spur Farmers Cooperative in 2001. James Valley Grain is a farmer owned cooperative and provides grain marketing and handling opportunities to its 450 members. James Valley Grain employs 27 people at its grain facilities in Oakes and Verona.

James Valley Grain notified the Commission it has not operated as a facility-based grain buyer at Verona and asked that the license application be approved as soon as possible. Statutory compliance has been met and Staff recommends the license be issued to James Valley Grain at Verona, North Dakota, effective today and that this action be noticed on the Commission's Agenda.

Please sign and date this request which is temporarily approved until the Commission issues an Order on the matter at a subsequent Commission Meeting.

Temporary authority authorized.

Commissioner *Randy Christmann*  
Date: *July 1, 2016*

Attachments