

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

MEMORANDUM

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

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

DATE: September 2, 2016

RE: Souris River Cooperative – Newburg, Russell, Lansford, & Kramer
Discontinue Business – Facility Based Grain Buyer

On August 15, 2016, the Commission received a request from Souris River Cooperative to discontinue operating as a facility based grain buyer at its facilities in Newburg, Russell, Lansford, and Kramer, North Dakota. Souris River Cooperative notified staff it is merging into Bottineau Farmers Elevator and the merger includes a name change from Bottineau Farmers Elevator to Border Ag & Energy. Border Ag & Energy notified the Commission it is assuming all grain obligations and credit-sale contract obligations.

Souris River Cooperative asked that its requests to discontinue business be approved effective September 1, 2016 which is the date of the merger. I recommend the requests be approved 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: *Sept. 2, 2016*

Attachments