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**PSC SEEKS CEASE AND DESIST ORDER AGAINST
KANSAS GRAIN FIRM IN SCANDIA**

LINCOLN – Acting on a complaint filed by staff, the Nebraska Public Service Commission entered an order to show cause against Integrated Ag Management of Scandia, Kansas, at the Commission’s February 7 meeting.

The complaint alleges that the company has not applied for a Nebraska grain dealer’s license to buy and sell commodities since the Commission advised the company in August that it was not in compliance with the Commission’s rules governing grain dealer transactions. The complaint asks the Commission to enter an order requiring the company to cease and desist its alleged grain dealing activity. The complaint also seeks fines of an unspecified amount. If entered at a public hearing, the cease and desist order would be the first issued by the Commission since a major overhaul of its grain dealer rules and regulations in 2004.

Fifth District Commissioner Jerry Vap of McCook, who was appointed hearing officer for the proceeding, said, “It is important for the people of Nebraska that anyone buying and storing grain who does business in the state has a license. There is no bond protection whatsoever for people conducting business with a grain dealer operating without a license.”

The complaint alleges that Integrated Ag Management had previously been notified both by telephone and in writing that it must have a grain dealer license for its Nebraska business. In addition to an order to cease grain dealer activity in Nebraska, the Commission has the authority to fine the company.

Scandia is located southeast of Superior on Highway 36 in northern Kansas. The hearing is scheduled for April 4, 2006, at 1:30 p.m. at the Commission’s office in Lincoln.

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