

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE REGULATION ~~READING ROOM~~
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

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IN THE MATTER of the Application)	
of CONTINENTAL PIPE LINE COMPANY)	UTILITY DIVISION
For An Order Authorizing An In-)	DOCKET NO. 80.10.101
crease In Its Tariff Rate To)	DEFAULT ORDER NO. 4744
Montana Delivery Points.)	
_____)	

On November 24, 1980, the Continental Pipe Line Company (Applicant) filed an application with the Montana Public Service Commission for an order to authorize an increase in its rates because of increasing expenses and declining volumes. The increase proposed would yield approximately 7.11% on the applicant's investment.

Having considered the application and the documentation furnished by Applicant in support of its application and deeming itself fully advised in the premises, the Commission makes the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. A Notice of Opportunity for Public Hearing was published as a legal notice in the December 22, 1980 editions of the Billings Gazette, Billings, Montana, the Ravalli Daily Republic, Hamilton, Montana and the Livingston Enterprise, Livingston, Montana; the December 21, 1980 editions of the Bozeman Daily Chronicle, Bozeman, Montana, the Montana Standard, Butte, Montana, the Daily Inter Lake, Kalispell, Montana and the Miles City Star, Miles City, Montana;

the December 20, 1980 editions of the Great Falls Tribune, Great Falls, Montana, the Independent Record, Helena, Montana and the Missoulian, Missoula, Montana; the December 19, 1980 edition of the Havre Daily News, Havre, Montana. The Notice was also sent to the customers of the Applicant.

The Notice stated that if no requests for a public hearing were received by January 27, 1981, the Commission would consider the matter and a default order would be issued.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Commission has jurisdiction, granted by Section 63-13-101, MCA, over the matters in this Docket.
2. The rates approved herein are reasonable, just and proper.

ORDER

The following rates per barrel are authorized:

<u>RATE PER BARREL OF 42 UNITED STATES GALLONS</u>		
<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	
Cut Bank Station Glacier County	Billings & Laurel Yellowstone County	30.65¢
Points on Continental Pipe Line Company's main gathering line in Petroleum, Rosebud, Musselshell & Yellow- stone Counties, Montana		22.75¢

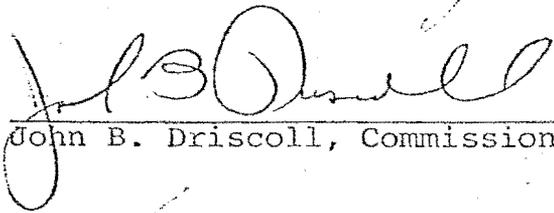
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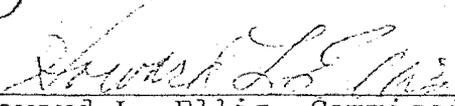
These rates will be effective for pipeline service rendered on and after February 2, 1981.

DONE IN OPEN SESSION in Helena, Montana on February 2, 1981 by a 5 - 0 vote.

BY ORDER OF THE MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION.


Gordon E. Bollinger, Chairman

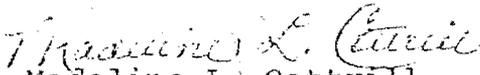

John B. Driscoll, Commissioner


Howard L. Ellis, Commissioner


Clyde Jarvis, Commissioner


Thomas J. Schneider, Commissioner

ATTEST:


Madeline L. Cottrill
Secretary

(SEAL)

NOTE: You may be entitled to judicial review of the final decision in this matter. If no Motion For Reconsideration is filed, judicial review may be obtained by filing a petition for review within thirty (30) days from the service of this order. If a Motion For Reconsideration is filed, a Commission order is final for purpose of appeal upon passage of ten (10) days following the filing of that motion. cf. the Montana Administrative Procedure Act, esp. Sec. 2-4-702, MCA, and Commission Rules of Practice and Procedure, esp. 38.2.4806, ARM.