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Service Date: ~~April 1, 1981~~ **READING FILE**

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE REGULATION
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

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IN THE MATTER of the Application)
of the EXXON PIPELINE COMPANY)
For An Order Authorizing An In-)
crease In Its Tariff Rate To)
Montana Delivery Points.)
_____)

UTILITY DIVISION
DOCKET NO. 81.2.13
DEFAULT ORDER NO. 4776

On February 2, 1981, the Exxon Pipeline 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 5.75% increase in annual revenues resulting in an approximate 4.0% increase on valuation.

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 March 7, 1981 edition of the Billings Gazette, Billings, Montana.

The Notice stated that if no requests for a public hearing were received by March 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:

RATE PER BARREL OF 42 UNITED STATES GALLONS

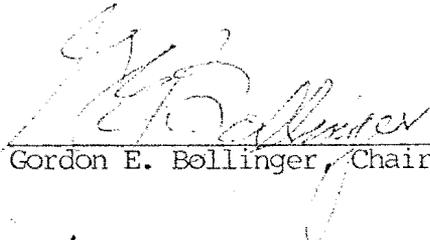
<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	
Silver Tip (Carbon County)	Billings & Laurel (Yellowstone County)	8.94¢

These rates will be effective for pipeline service rendered on and after March 30, 1981.

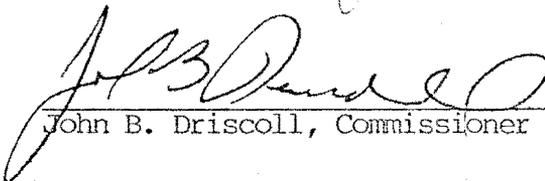
DONE IN OPEN SESSION in Helena, Montana on March 30, 1981 by 5 - 0 vote.

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BY ORDER OF THE MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION.



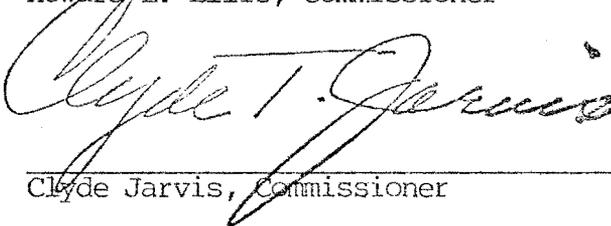
Gordon E. Bollinger, Chairman



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.