

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

IN THE MATTER OF The Application of	)	UTILITY DIVISION
BOW PIPE LINE COMPANY For Authority	)	
To Transfer The Assets And Operating	)	DOCKET NO. <u>83.7.52</u>
Responsibilities of Bow Pipe Line	)	
Company To Farmers Union Central	)	ORDER NO. <u>5003</u>
Exchange, Incorporated	)	

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 FINDINGS OF FACT  
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1. On July 12, 1983, a petition was filed with the Montana Public Service Commission requesting that the Commission, pursuant to jurisdiction established by 69-13-101, et seq., MCA, authorize the transfer of the assets and operating responsibilities of the Bow Pipe Line Company to Farmers Union Central Exchange, Incorporated (d/b/a Cenex). Farmers Union Central Exchange, Incorporated proposed to continue pipeline service to all shippers previously supplied by the Bow Pipe Line Company at the rates presently in effect. Transfer of the assets will not in itself result in a rate increase, according to the Applicant's petition.

2. The Commission received affidavits from all shippers of Bow Pipe Line Company indicating their support and lack of objection to the transfer of the assets and operating responsibilities of Bow Pipe Line Company to Farmers Union Central Exchange, Incorporated.

3. A review of the Application indicates no threat to the adequacy or availability of service to the Bow Pipe Line Company's shippers.

4. In an application in support of the Application, the proposed owner states that it will adopt the rates currently in effect for the Bow Pipe Line Company. Thus, the transfer of ownership will not affect rates being paid.

5. The proposed new owner appears to have the financing and other resources necessary to provide adequate service in the future.

6. For ratemaking purposes the Commission will not accept the transfer of utility assets at a level above original cost depreciated.

#### CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. This Commission has jurisdiction over the parties and matters contained in this Docket.

2. The application demonstrates that transfer of ownership will not result in inadequate service or unreasonable rates.

3. The proposed new owner is fit, willing and able to assume the service responsibilities associated with ownership of the pipeline system now owned by Bow Pipe Line Company.

#### ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED BY THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION THAT:

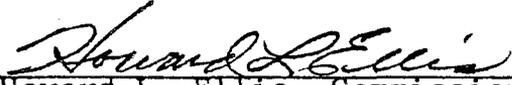
1. The Bow Pipe Line Company is hereby authorized to transfer its assets and operating responsibilities to Farmers Union Central Exchange, Incorporated.

2. Upon transfer, Farmers Union Central Exchange, Incorporated shall file tariffs in its name that are identical to those now on file with the Commission for Bow Pipe Line Company.

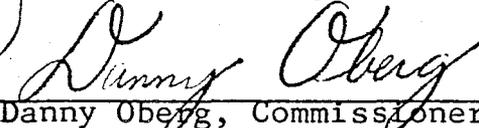
DONE AND DATED at Helena, Montana, this 19th day of July, 1983, by a 4 - 0 vote.

BY ORDER OF THE MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

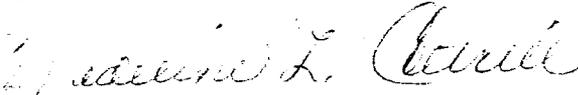
  
Thomas J. Schneider, Chairman

  
Howard L. Ellis, Commissioner

  
John B. Driscoll, Commissioner

  
Danny Oberg, Commissioner

ATTEST

  
Madeline L. Cottrill  
Commission Secretary

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NOTE: Any interested party may request the Commission to reconsider this decision. A motion to reconsider must be filed within ten (10) days. See 28.2.4806, ARM.