

Service Date: July 23, 2003

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)	UTILITY DIVISION
Cenex Pipeline, LLC To Increase Rates)	DOCKET NO. D2003.6.68
And Charges To Shippers On Its)	ORDER NO. 6498
Petroleum Products Pipeline From Laurel To)	
Billings, Laurel To Glendive And Billings)	
To Glendive, Montana.)	

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DEFAULT ORDER

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. On June 2, 2003, the Montana Public Service Commission (PSC) received an application from Cenex Pipeline (Cenex) for authority to increase rates and charges to shippers on its Laurel to Billings, Laurel to Glendive and Billings to Glendive, Montana petroleum products pipeline. The total requested increase is based on the Oil Pipeline Index as published by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC). This methodology allows oil pipelines to change rates through the use of an index system that has established ceiling levels for such rates. Front Range has filed a new tariff (Montana PSC No. 21).

2. On June 12, 2003, the PSC issued a Notice of Application and Intervention Deadline with requests for intervention due no later than July 2, 2003.

3. No request for intervention has been received.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Montana Public Service Commission has jurisdiction over the rates and charges of common carrier pipelines pursuant to Title 69, Chapter 13, Montana Code Annotated (MCA).

2. Cenex Pipeline, LLC is a common carrier pipeline transporting crude petroleum and therefore is subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission.

ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

1. The PSC approves the increase for rates and charges on this pipeline
2. This Order shall be effective for service rendered on and after August 1, 2003.

DONE IN OPEN SESSION at Helena, Montana on this 15th day of July, 2003 by a 5-0 vote.

BY THE ORDER OF THE MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

BOB ROWE, Chairman

TOM SCHNEIDER, Vice Chairman

MATT BRAINARD, Commissioner

GREG JERGESON, Commissioner

JAY STOVALL, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Barbara Effing
Acting Commission Secretary

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NOTE: Any interested party may request that the Commission reconsider this decision. A motion to reconsider must be filed within ten (10) days. See 38.2.4806, ARM.