

Service Date: April 9, 2015

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

IN THE MATTER OF the Application for) REGULATORY DIVISION
Deactivation of Pipeline Service for Five Valleys)
Gas Co. at Seeley Lake, MT) DOCKET NO. D2015.3.31

NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND INTERVENTION DEADLINE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on March 30, 2015, Five Valleys Gas Co. (Five Valleys) filed an *Application for Deactivation of Service* (Application) for its underground propane distribution system (System) at Seeley Lake.

Five Valleys seeks to deactivate its System and continue gas service to its customers through propane tanks. Five Valleys argues deactivation of the System is justified for the five following reasons:

1. No foreseeable opportunity for growth allowing further sharing of fixed costs over the system.
2. Years of company losses.
3. Gas volumes per customer are decreasing.
4. Amount of regulation to keep the pipeline in compliance.
5. Five Valleys can provide the proposed service to its customers at a comparable price through tanks compared to the System.

In addition to this Notice of Application and Intervention Deadline, Five Valleys is also proposing to notify its customers of this change through a personally addressed letter. A detailed plan for deactivation is available in Five Valleys' Application.

A copy of the filing is available for inspection at the Commission, 1701 Prospect Avenue, P.O. Box 202601, Helena, Montana 59620-2601, and the Montana Consumer Counsel (MCC), 111 North Last Chance Gulch, Suite 1B, P.O. Box 201703, Helena, Montana 59620-1703, telephone (406) 444-2771. The MCC is available and may be contacted to assist and represent the interests of the consuming public in this matter.

Any interested person who is directly affected by the filing before the PSC and who wants to be a party to the docket must file a Petition to Intervene with the PSC **no later than April 30, 2015**. By the intervention deadline, a person petitioning for intervention must: (1) Submit the petition electronically (e-file) on the PSC's website at <http://psc.mt.gov> ("Account Login/Registration" under "Electronic Documents" tab); and (2) physically deliver or mail the original petition to the PSC at the above address. The PSC will not post an e-filed petition to its website until it receives the original from the petitioner. A person petitioning for intervention in this docket must also serve a hard copy of the petition on the MCC, at the address above, and Five Valleys' General Manager Jerry Thorstad, 2500 W. Broadway Missoula, MT 59808.

An interested person who does not wish to formally intervene in this docket may submit written public comments on the matter to the PSC at the above address, or through the PSC's website at <http://psc.mt.gov> ("Comment on Proceedings").

The PSC's jurisdiction over this matter is provided at Title 69, MCA. The substantive and procedural law applicable is Title 69, MCA, especially Chapter 3, ARM Title 38, Ch. 5 (utilities), Title 2, Ch. 4, MCA (MAPA), ARM Title 38, Ch. 2 (PSC procedural rules), and any prior orders of the PSC which may bear on the issues presented.

BY THE MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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