

Service Date: July 15, 1996

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) UTILITY DIVISION
Of Cenex, Inc. To Incorporate The) DOCKET NO. D96.4.75
Cutbank to Laurel Tariff Into The) ORDER NO. 5919
Existing Front Range Pipeline Tariff.)

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DEFAULT ORDER GRANTING TARIFF CONSOLIDATION

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. On April 29, 1996, the Montana Public Service Commission (PSC) received an Application from Cenex, Inc. (Cenex) for authority to incorporate the Cutbank to Laurel tariff into its existing Front Range Pipeline and to define the light and medium crude oil types that will be accepted for transportation. They proposed the new tariff rate at \$0.77 per barrel.

2. On May 13, 1996, Cenex, Inc. filed a revised tariff lowering the tariff rate from \$0.77 per barrel to \$0.68 per barrel and to change the gravity definitions of the light and medium crude oil types to the same as the connecting Murphy Pipeline. Cenex, Inc. has filed a new tariff denoted as Montana PSC No. 8.

3. On May 22, 1996, the PSC issued a Notice of Application and Intervention Deadline, requiring intervention by June 22, 1996. The PSC has not received any petitions for intervention.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The PSC has jurisdiction over parties and proceedings in this matter, pursuant to Title 69, Chapter 13, Montana Code Annotated.

2. The resulting rates are just and reasonable.

ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

1. The approved rates shall be effective for service rendered on and after July 2, 1996.

DONE IN OPEN SESSION at Helena, Montana on this 2nd day of July, 1996 by a 5 - 0 vote.

BY THE ORDER OF THE MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

NANCY McCAFFREE, Chair

DAVE FISHER, Vice Chair

BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

DANNY OBERG, Commissioner

BOB ROWE, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

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.