

Service Date: April 12, 2000

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 HAVRE PIPELINE COMPANY)	DOCKET NO. D99.8.187
To Increase Rates and Charges)	ORDER NO. 6243
To Its Farm Tap Customers.)	

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DEFAULT ORDER GRANTING RATE INCREASE

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS OF FACT

1. On August 2, 1999, the Montana Public Service Commission (PSC) received an Application from Havre Pipeline Company (Havre) for authority to increase rates and charges for natural gas service to its Montana rural farm tap customers. The new rate for natural gas service to these customers will be \$1.4047 per MCF, an increase of \$0.2481 per MCF from the current rate of \$1.1566 per MCF. This increase will affect approximately 126 customers, for an average annual farm tap gas bill increase of \$83.00.

2. On August 17, 1999, the PSC issued a Notice of Application and Intervention Deadline with Petitions to Intervene due on September 17, 1999. The PSC received one Petition to Intervene, filed by the Montana Consumer Counsel on September 8, 1999.

3. Having reviewed this application, the PSC finds that this increase is just and reasonable, and hereby accepts it.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Applicant, Havre Pipeline Company, is a public utility as defined in . 69-3-101, Montana Code Annotated (MCA). The Montana Public Service Commission properly exercises jurisdiction over public utilities, pursuant to its authority under Title 69, Chapter 3, MCA.

2. The PSC has provided adequate public notice and an opportunity to be heard as required by . 69-3-303, MCA, and Title 2, Chapter 4, MCA (Montana Administrative Procedures Act).

3. The rates and rate structure in this order are just and reasonable. Sections 69-3-201 and 69-3-330, MCA.

ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

1. The PSC approves the rates and tariffs for Havre Pipeline Company, which shall be effective for service rendered on and after May 1, 2000.

DONE IN OPEN SESSION at Helena, Montana on this 27th day of March, 2000 by a 4-0 vote.

BY THE ORDER OF THE MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

DAVE FISHER, Chairman

NANCY McCAFFREE, Vice Chair

GARY FELAND, 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.