Service Date: April 11, 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 of
Front Range Pipeline To Begin Charging

Rates for Transportation on Its Common
Carrier Pipeline from the International
Boundary and Cut Bank, Montana To
Great Falls, Montana.

DEFAULT ORDER

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. On February 11, 2000, the Montana Public Service Commission (PSC) received an application from Front Range Pipeline (Front Range) for authority to begin charging rates for transportation of crude petroleum on its common carrier pipeline from the International Boundary, Montana to Great Falls, Montana and from Cut Bank, Montana to Great Falls, Montana. Front Range has filed a new tariff (Montana PSC No. 12).
- 2. On February 18, 2000, the PSC issued and published a Notice of Application and Intervention Deadline, requiring intervention by March 8, 2000 in order to conduct a public hearing. The PSC received no petitions for intervention.
 - 3. The proposed rates are as follows:

<u>SEGMENT</u>	PROPOSED (\$/BBL)
International Boundary to Great Falls	\$0.30
Cut Bank to Great Falls	\$0.30

4. The PSC has reviewed the Application and finds the proposed rates acceptable.

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. Front Range Pipeline 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 rates and charges as follows for Front Range Pipeline:

<u>SEGMENT</u>	\$/BBL
International Boundary to Great Falls	\$0.30
Cut Bank to Great Falls	\$0.30

2. This Order shall be effective for service rendered on and after April 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
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ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson 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.