BEFORE THE NEW MEXICO PUBLIC REGULATION COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPROVAL OF )
PIPELINE SAFETY FEES FOR )
FISCAL YEAR 2016 )
) Case No. 15-00138-PL

FINAL ORDER

THIS MATTER comes before the New Mexico Public Regulation Commission ("Commission") upon Staff’s Request For Review Of Staff’s Pipeline Safety Fees Calculation For Fiscal Year 2016 And Review Of 2014 Fees ("Staff’s Request"), filed on May 8, 2015 by the Pipeline Safety Bureau Staff of the Commission’s Transportation Division ("Staff" or "Pipeline Safety Bureau"); whereupon, being duly informed,

THE COMMISSION FINDS AND CONCLUDES:

1. The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to NMSA 1978, § 70-3-13 (as amended through 2011) and other applicable law.

2. Pursuant to NMSA 1978, § 70-3-21(E) (Cum. Supp. 2004) and 18.60.3.11(B) and 18.60.3.11(A) NMAC, the Pipeline Safety Bureau is required to present to the Commission annually its proposed rates for pipeline safety fees for the forthcoming fiscal year.

3. Staff’s request is unopposed. Due and proper notice has been provided.

4. On July 7, 2015, the Commission’s Office of General Counsel filed a Notice of Filing in this Docket reflecting Staff revisions to the original estimates presented in Staff’s May 8, 2015 Request. The Commission bases its decision in this matter on both the May 8, 2015 Request and the revisions reflected in the Notice of Filing.

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5. Based on the Pipeline Safety Fee Calculation, Staff estimates a fiscal year 2016 fee collection of $529,230 and Staff proposes a total fee in the same amount to fund the pipeline safety fund for the 2016 fiscal year ("FY16") estimated to be necessary to carry out the provisions of the Pipeline Safety Act and Chapter 62, Article 14, NMSA 1978.

6. Based on its Pipeline Safety Fee Calculation, Staff proposes rates for pipeline safety fees for the 2016 fiscal year as follows:
   
a) $35.00 per mile for transmission and jurisdictional gathering companies; and
b) $0.35 per residential service and $3.52 per commercial service for distribution companies.

7. For the reasons explained in Staff’s Request, as modified by the revisions reflected in the July 7, 2015 Notice of Filing, it is in the public interest for the Commission to adopt Staff’s recommended pipeline safety fees for Fiscal Year 2016, to issue an order notifying pipeline operators of the pipeline safety fee for FY 2016, to post the order on the Commission’s website, and to provide a copy of the order to the Legislative Finance Committee and the Department of Finance and Administration to meet the notice requirements of NMSA 1978, § 70-3-21 E.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

A. Staff’s Request, as modified by the revisions reflected in the Notice Of Filing referenced at ¶ 4 of this Order, is hereby adopted and approved.

B. This Order is effective immediately.

C. Copies of this Order shall be served upon all parties listed on the attached Certificate of Service, which shall consist of Staff’s most current list of pipeline operators.

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Copies shall be served via email, if the email address is known, and otherwise shall be served via regular mail.

D. Copies of this Order shall be served upon the Legislative Finance Committee and the Department of Finance and Administration immediately.

E. This Docket is closed.
ISSUED under the Seal of the Commission at Santa Fe, New Mexico, this 8th day of July, 2015.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Final Order dated July 8, 2015, was sent on July 9, 2015, as indicated below, to the following:

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