STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

BP Pipelines (North America) Inc. **Case No. PU-2587-01-455**
Transfer Permits and Certificates
Application

NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR HEARING

September 5, 2001

On August 15, 2001, BP Pipelines (North America) Inc. (BP Pipelines) and Tesora High Plains Pipeline Company (Tesora) filed an application to transfer pipeline facilities. Applicants request that BP Pipelines be permitted to transfer to Tesora all of BP Pipelines' North Dakota crude oil pipelines and any other assets, certificates or permits subject to Public Service Commission jurisdiction under N.D.C.C. Chapters 49-03.1, 49-04 and 49-22. Until August 22, 2001, BP Pipeline's certificates and permits were held in the name of Amoco Pipeline Company.

Tesoro is a Delaware corporation and a wholly-owned subsidiary of Tesoro Petroleum Corporation. BP Pipeline is a Maine corporation and a subsidiary of BP Corporation North America Inc., an Indiana corporation. Tesoro commits to adopt the existing tariffs for these pipelines and to comply with the terms, conditions and modifications contained in all certificates of site compatibility and route permits. The application also states that the transfer will have no present or contemplated effect on the transportation rates currently in effect for the transportation of crude oil in the pipeline.

The factors to be considered in these applications are:

1. Need for the service.

2. Fitness and ability of Tesora to provide service.

3. Effect on other public utilities providing similar service.

4. Adequacy of the proposed service.

5. The technical, financial, and managerial ability of Tesora to provide service.

6. Does Tesora agree to comply with terms and conditions of the certificates and permits issued to BP Pipeline under N.D.C.C. Chapter 49-22 ?

7. Are the transfers to Tesora in the public interest?

Those interested are invited to comment on this application in writing. Anyone desiring a hearing must file a written request identifying his or her interest in the proceeding and the reasons for requesting a hearing. Comments and requests for hearing must be received by **October 9, 2001**. If deemed appropriate, the Commission can determine the matter without a hearing.

For more information contact the Public Service Commission, State Capitol, Bismarck, North Dakota 58505, 701-224-2400, or Relay North Dakota 1-800-366-6888 TTY. If you require any auxiliary aids or services, such as readers, signers, or Braille materials please notify Jon Mielke, Executive Secretary, at least 24 hours prior.

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