STATE OF MICHIGAN

BEFORE THE MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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In the matter of the application of

LAKEHEAD PIPE LINE COMPANY, LIMITED

PARTNERSHIP, for authority to construct,
maintain, and operate a remotely controlled
main line valve facility and fixtures and
equipment appurtenant thereto.

Case No. U-10073

At the April 15, 1992 meeting of the Michigan Public Service Commission in Lansing, Michigan.

PRESENT: Hon. Steven M. Fetter, Chairman
Hon. Ronald E. Russell, Commissioner
Hon. John L. O'Donnell, Commissioner

ORDER APPROVING APPLICATION

On February 21, 1992, Lakehead Pipe Line Company, Limited Partnership (Lakehead), filed an application for approval to install, maintain, and operate a remotely controlled main line valve facility and related fixtures and appurtenant equipment on an existing oil pipeline at a strategic location in Dickinson County, Michigan. Lakehead explains that the remotely controlled main line valve facility, which will be located approximately 100 feet east of County Road 422 between its Iron River and Rapid River pump stations, is needed to sectionalize the main line and allow for testing of the pipeline. The remotely controlled main line valve facility will consist of a 30-inch gate valve with a bevel gear operator. Upon completion, the valve will be surrounded by four protection posts.
The Commission Staff has conducted an environmental review of the application and concludes that construction of the proposed remotely controlled main line valve facility would not cause any significant adverse impact. Therefore, an environmental impact statement was not prepared for the proposed facility.

After a review of the application, the Commission finds that ex parte approval is appropriate. The proposal is just, reasonable, and in the public interest.

The Commission FINDS that:


b. Lakehead has complied with the requirements of 1929 PA 16, as amended, by filing a map showing the location of the proposed remotely controlled main line valve facility, by filing its explicit authorized acceptance of 1929 PA 16, and by filing engineering specifications and data showing the size and capacity of the proposed facility.

c. There will be no significant adverse impact to the environment due to the construction and operation of the main line valve facility.

d. Because the public interest will be adequately protected without the time and expense of a public hearing, ex parte approval is appropriate.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that:

A. Lakehead Pipe Line Company, Limited Partnership, is authorized to construct, maintain, and operate a remotely controlled main line valve facility and related fixtures and
equipment in Dickinson County, Michigan as proposed in its application filed on February 21, 1992.

B. Lakehead Pipe Line Company, Limited Partnership, shall in all respects comply with the provisions of 1929 PA 16, as amended.

The Commission reserves jurisdiction and may issue further orders as necessary.

Any party desiring to appeal this order must do so in the appropriate court within 30 days after issuance and notice of this order, pursuant to MCL 462.26.

MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

/s/ Steven M. Fetter
Chairman

( SEAL )

/s/ Ronald E. Russell
Commissioner

/s/ John L. O'Donnell
Commissioner

By its action of April 15, 1992.

/s/ Dorothy Wideman
Its Executive Secretary