Decision No. C03-0845

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

DOCKET NO. 03A-275P

RE: IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF CONOCO PIPE LINE COMPANY TO TRANSFER REGULATED CRUDE OIL PIPELINE ASSETS AND ASSOCIATED CERTIFICATE OF CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY TO SUNCOR ENERGY (U.S.A.)

PIPELINE COMPANY.

COMMISSION ORDER GRANTING TRANSFER

Mailed Date: August 1, 2003

Adopted Date: August 1, 2003

I. **BY THE COMMISSION:**

> A. **Statement**

On June 27, 2003, Conoco Pipe Line Company (Conoco) filed an application for 1.

authority to transfer regulated crude oil pipeline assets and the associated certificate of public

convenience and necessity (CPCN) to Suncor Energy (U.S.A.) Pipeline Company (Suncor). On

June 30, 2003 the Commission issued its Notice of Application filed. The notice period expired

July 31, 2003. No request for intervention or opposition to this application has been filed. The

Commission will, therefore, decide this matter without hearing pursuant to § 40-6-109(5),

C.R.S. The Commission has reviewed the application and deems it complete.

2. The application specifically requests an order of the Commission

authorizing the transfer of crude oil pipeline assets in the Fort Lupton and Commerce

City, Colorado areas and the associated CPCN. The application by Conoco was made in

response to an order of the Federal Trade Commission in Docket No. C-4058 dated

February 7, 2003 to divest themselves of their Colorado assets including the crude oil

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gathering system in the Fort Lupton area. This divesture must take place by August 1, 2003.

- 3. Analysis of the application indicates that Conoco is a pipeline common carrier in good standing with this Commission. Suncor is an experienced and financially able operator with similar facilities in Alberta, Canada.
- 4. The Commission finds that this transfer is in the public interest and that the application should be granted.

II. ORDER

A. The Commission Orders That:

- 1. The application of Conoco Pipe Line Company for authority to transfer regulated crude oil pipeline assets and the associated Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Suncor Energy (U.S.A.) Pipeline Company is deemed complete and is granted.
- 2. Suncor Energy (U.S.A.) Pipeline Company immediately shall file an adoption of the Conoco Pipe Line Company tariffs.

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3. This Order is effective on its Mailed Date.

B. ADOPTED IN THE COMMISSIONERS' WEEKLY MEETING August 1, 2003.

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