



MEMORANDUM

To: Adam de Yong
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Business Standards Division

From: Tim Lloyd
Bureau Chief
Weights and Measures Bureau

Date: August 16, 2013

RE: Proposed Administrative Rule Timeline

Here is a timeline of the events that transpired during the rule making process for the proposed meter fee increase.

Timeline

May 21 I talked to Ronna Alexander of Montana Petroleum Marketers and Convenience Store Association and told her about the proposed fee increase. She said she would let her board know at the upcoming conference. I told her it looks like about a 25% increase.

May 21-June 4. We contacted about 10 of the larger companies that would be affected and told them about the increase. I didn't receive any feedback, good or bad about the increase.

June 4 Montana Petroleum Marketer's and Convenience Store Association Conference in Billings. I have not attended their conferences in the past but we discussed at one of our bureau chief meetings that I should probably attend and agreed but was not able to due to a recent neck surgery.

June 10 Mailed the Advance Notice to about 100 of the largest companies who own an estimated 70% of the meters and would be impacted the most by the fee increase. We also sent this advanced notice to both Ronna and Dave Galt with the Montana Petroleum Association.

June 24 Mailed the notice of the proposed rules to every meter owner and large scale owner that would be impacted by the split weighing rule.

July 12 Rule hearing. Two people showed up, Ronna opposed the meter fee increases and one gentleman spoke in favor of split weighing.

July 22 End of the written comment period. There were 19 written comments in opposition to the proposed meter fee increase.