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EXECUTIVE ORDER ESTABLISHING
THE MONTANA PUBLIC VEHICLE FUELING PROGRAM & ADVISORY COUNCIL

WHEREAS, efficient and cost-effective fueling of public vehicles in Montana is essential for proper and economical service delivery; and

WHEREAS, underground storage tanks are an integral, but costly, component of Montana's public sector fueling system; and

WHEREAS, operation and installation of these tanks is becoming more expensive for cities, counties, school districts, state agencies and the private sector as federal and state environmental protection regulations come into effect; and

WHEREAS, cost saving, cost avoidance and environmental protection is available through the joint utilization of consolidated fueling sites by cities, counties, school districts, special districts and state agencies, as well as through the development of an integrated commercial/public fueling network.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, STAN STEPHENS, Governor of the State of Montana, by virtue of the authority vested in me by Section 2-15-122, MCA, do hereby establish the Montana Public Vehicle Fueling Program and Advisory Council, under the direction of the Department of Administration.

I. MONTANA PUBLIC VEHICLE FUELING PROGRAM

The purpose of the Program shall be:

- 1) to achieve cost savings, convenience and efficiency which may be available by consolidating fueling sites and providing for joint usage of these consolidated fuel dispensing sites;
- 2) to reduce the risk of environmental damage and liability for leaking tanks through a coordinated effort to consolidate fuel sites and eliminate unneeded duplicate sites;
- 3) to encourage Montana public entities to share fueling sites as a method of avoiding capital costs of new tanks and minimizing operating costs for fueling;
- 4) to incorporate commercial fueling sites when convenient and feasible;

5) to reduce the number of publicly owned fueling sites when convenient and cost effective thereby reducing the fiscal and environmental liability associated with leaking underground storage tanks;

6) to utilize fleetcard processing companies to automate and streamline the payment of fueling invoices and eliminate the need for extensive audit/reconciliation work associated with the accounting for manual fueling.

7) prepare an annual report summarizing the progress in the development and operation of the Montana Public Vehicle Fueling Network.

When possible, executive agencies reporting to the Governor will utilize the statewide fueling network.

II. ADVISORY COUNCIL

To insure that the program is implemented in accordance with the needs of Montana cities, counties, school districts and state agencies, I, Stan Stephens, Governor of the State of Montana, hereby appoint an advisory council as follows:

- 1) A representative of the Montana School Boards Association;
- 2) A representative of the Montana League of Cities and Towns;
- 3) A representative of the Montana Association of Counties;
- 4) A representative appointed by the agency head, from each of the following state agencies:
 - a) Department of Justice
 - b) Department of Fish, Wildlife & Parks
 - c) Department of Health & Environmental Sciences
 - d) Department of State Lands
 - e) Montana University System
 - f) Office of Public Instruction
 - g) Department of Transportation
- 5) The functions of the council are to:
 - a) Advise the Department in the development and operation of the Montana Public Vehicle Fueling network;

b) recommend and review policies established for the fueling program;

c) review the submittal of an annual report to the Governor summarizing the progress of network development and operation, including cost savings achieved by the program.

6) Compensation and Duration

The Council will be chaired by the Department of Administration. Members will serve without compensation. This council will remain in effect until terminated by the Governor.

Given under my hand and the GREAT SEAL of the State of Montana, this 9th day of November, in the year of our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety-Two.



STAN STEPHENS, Governor

ATTEST:



MIKE COONEY, Secretary of State