

Service Date: January 24, 1975

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

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In the Matter of the application of THE)	
WASHINGTON WATER POWER COMPANY)	DOCKET NO. 6271
for an order authorizing the issuance)	
of \$25,000,000 First Mortgage Bonds)	
and 300,000 shares of Common Stock.)	ORDER NO. 4175
(no par value))	

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On December 16, 1974, the Washington Water Power Company (hereinafter referred to as Applicant) filed with this Commission its verified application pursuant to Sections 70-117.1 to 70.117.6, RCM 1947, requesting an Order authorizing Applicant to:

(a) Issue and sell \$25,000,000 of _____ % First Mortgage Bonds due 2005 at a price and interest rate to be negotiated, subject to approval by this Commission;

(b) Issue and sell 300,000 shares of presently authorized and un-issued Common Stock (no par value) at a market price to be determined by negotiation, said market price to be subject to approval of this Commission; and

(c) Execute a Sixteenth Supplemental Indenture to be dated February 1, 1975, between Applicant and First National City

Bank, as trustee.

The application with respect to the requested author-izations is supported by exhibits and data in accordance with the prescribed rules of the Commission governing the authorization for the issuance of securities for electric or gas utilities operating as public utilities in the State of Montana.

Applicant states that the estimated expenses of the proposed issuance of securities, as set forth above, will be \$180,000. Applicant further states that these expenses will be paid from treasury funds.

The proceeds from the issuance of the \$25,000,000 of _____% First Mortgage Bonds due 2005 and from the issuance of 300,000 shares of presently authorized but un-issued Common Stock (no par value) will be used to repay \$26,000,000 of bank notes due December 1, 1975, with the balance to be used for construction purposes.

Having fully considered the application and all the files and records pertaining thereto on file with the Commission, and being fully advised in the premises, the Commission makes the following:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. That the Applicant, The Washington Water Power Company, is a corporation organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State of Washington and duly authorized to transact business in the State of Montana, and is a public utility as defined in Section 70-103 of the Revised Codes of Montana of 1947, furnishing electric service in the State of Montana and

subject to the provisions of Section 70-117.1 to 70-117.6, RCM 1947, and to the jurisdiction of this Commission as therein provided.

2. That the net proceeds to be received by the Applicant from issuance and sale of First Mortgage Bonds and presently authorized but un-issued Common Stock contemplated in this transaction will be used to repay \$26,000,000 of bank notes due December 1, 1975, with the balance to be used for construction purposes.

3. The proposed issuance and sale of \$25,000,000 of _____ First Mortgage Bonds due 2005 and the proposed issuance and sale of 300,000 shares of presently authorized but un-issued Common Stock (no par value), as hereinafter authorized, will be for a lawful purpose, that the proposed transaction is consistent with the public interest and necessary or appropriate for and consistent with the proper performance by the Applicant of service as a public utility, and that the aggregate amount of the securities outstanding and proposed to be outstanding will not exceed the fair value of the properties and business of the Applicant.

4. That public notice of the filing of said application and a formal hearing thereon is not required, and that the application should be approved as hereinafter ordered.

ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, at a session of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana, held in its offices at Helena, Montana, on January 21, 1975, there being present Chairman Gordon E.

Bollinger, Commissioner P.J. Gilfeather, Commissioner Thomas G. Monahan, Commissioner James R. Shea and Commissioner George Turman, there regularly came before the Commission for final action, the matters and things in Docket No. 6271, and the Commission being fully advised in the premises;

IT IS ORDERED that the application of The Washington Water Power Company for an order

(a) Authorizing the issuance and sale of \$25,000,000 _____% First Mortgage Bonds due 2005, at a price and an interest rate to be negotiated, subject to approval by this Commission, plus accrued interest from February 1, 1975, to the date of payment and delivery;

(b) Authorizing the issuance and sale of 300,000 shares of presently authorized and un-issued Common Stock (no par value), at a market price to be determined by negotiation, said market price to be subject to the approval of this Commission; and

(c) Authorizing the execution of a Sixteenth Supplemental Indenture to be dated February 1, 1975, between Applicant and first National City Bank, 111 Wall Street, New York, New York, trustee, in substantially the form of the proof which was filed herewith as Exhibit 10a, be, and the same is hereby approved, subject to the provisions of the order.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the price to be received and the interest rate on the said \$25,000,000 _____% First Mortgage Bonds due 2005 and the market price to be received for the 300,000 shares of presently authorized but un-issued Common Stock will be held open to be approved by this Commission upon

the filing of the amendment as set forth in the application.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the foregoing authorization is without prejudice to the regulatory authority of this Commission with respect to rates, service, accounts, valuations, estimates or determinations of cost, or any other matter which may come before this Commission pursuant to its jurisdiction as provided by law.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that nothing in this Order and no provisions of Section 70-117.1 to 70-117.6, RCM 1947, or any act or deed done or performed in connection herewith shall be construed to obligate the State of Montana to pay or guarantee in any manner whatsoever any security authorized, issued, assumed or guaranteed under the provisions of Section 70-117.1 to 70.117.6, RCM 1947.

The foregoing Order was approved by the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana.

DONE IN OPEN SESSION at Helena, Montana, this 21st day of January, 1975.

GORDON E. BOLLINGER, Chairman

P.J. GILFEATHER, Commissioner

THOMAS G. MONAHAN, Commissioner

JAMES R. SHEA, Commissioner

GEORGE TURMAN, Commissioner

ATTEST

GAIL E. BEHAN
(Secretary)

(Seal)