

DEPARTMENT PUBLIC SERVICE REGULATION
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

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IN THE MATTER of the Application)
of the TOWN OF STEVENSVILLE) DOCKET NO. 6576
MUNICIPEL WATER DEPARTMENT for)
authority to adopt Increased Water Rates.) DEFAULT ORDER NO. 4419

On April 28, 1978, the TOWN OF STEVENSVILLE MUNICIPAL WATER DEPARTMENT (Applicant) filed an application with the Montana Public Service Commission for an Order authorizing the Applicant to increase its water rates to pay its twenty percent (20%) participation in a proposed grant and for upgrading its plant to meet new health standards to offset increased expenses and to establish metered service for new and multi-users.

Having considered the application and the documentation furnished by Applicant in support of its application and deeming itself fully advised in the premises, the Commission makes The following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. A notice of proposed public hearing to be held, if requested, was published in the May 25, 1978 edition of the Northwest Tribune and in the May 19, 1978 edition of the Daily Republic, both publications being in Hamilton, Ravalli County, Montana. If no requests for a public hearing were received by June 15, 1978 an appropriate order would be issued based upon evidence submitted with the application.
2. No requests for a hearing were received and no hearing was scheduled.
3. On April 3, 1978 the Town Council of the Town of Stevensville passed a resolution setting water rates a the proposed level.
4. The Town alleges it needs additional revenue to pay its twenty percent (20%) participate in a proposed grant for upgrading its plant and to meet new health standards.
5. The Town alleges that it needs additional revenues to offset increased expenses.
6. The Town alleges it needs additional revenues to establish metered services for new and multi-users.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The increase applied for is needed to insure continued service to Applicant customers.
2. The resulting rate levels are reasonable and just.

ORDER

1. The following rates are authorized:

Monthly Rates, Flat:	
Hotels (Basic rate plus per unit)	\$5.00 + \$1.70/Unit
Apartments (per unit)	5.00
Bakeries	5.00
Banks	
(with 2 people + per each over 2)	5.00 + 80¢ /person
Blacksmith Shop	5.00
Butcher Shops	7.00
Churches	5.00
Dwellings	5.00
Halls, Lodges	5.00
Hotels	5.00
Markets	5.00
Manufactories	5.00
Office Buildings	\$5.00
Printing Offices	5.00
Railroad Depot	5.00
Restaurants	7.00
Drug Stores	5.00
Tanks, portable	5.00
Laundromats (per unit)	2.50
Sprinkler Season Additional Charge for months of June through September	3.00 per month
Yearly Rates: Flat	
Forest Service	\$185.00
School	\$2,040.00

Metered Customers:

All Multi-users and new services - \$10.50 per quarter minimum charge for up to 10,000 gallons, plus \$0.15 per 1,000 gallons for all water used over 10,000 gallons per quarter.

Out of Town Customers: Monthly Flat \$5.00

(The same sprinkling rates will apply
from June through September as above)

DONE IN OPEN SESSION in Helena, Montana on June 19, 1978 by a 3 -1 vote.

BY ORDER OF THE MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION.

Gordon E. Bollinger, Chairman

P.J. Gilfeather, Commissioner
Dissenting

Thomas J. Schneider, Commissioner

James R. Shea, Commissioner

Madeline L. Cottrill
Secretary

(SEAL)

NOTICE: You are entitled to judicial review of the final decision in this matter. If no Motion For Reconsideration is filed, judicial review may be obtained by filing a petition for review within thirty (30) days from the service of this order. If a Motion for Reconsideration is filed, a Commission order is final for purpose of appeal upon the entry of a ruling on that motion, or upon the passage of ten (10) days following the filing of that motion. cf. the Montana Administrative Procedure Act, esp Section 82-4216, RCM 1947; and Commission Rules of Practice and Procedure, esp. 38-2.2(64)—P2750, ARM.