

**READING FILE.**

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

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IN THE MATTER of the Application )  
of CONTINENTAL TELEPHONE of the ) DOCKET NO. 6600  
WEST for authority to revise ) ORDER NO. 4447  
tariff schedules. )  
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On February 6, 1978, the CONTINENTAL TELEPHONE of the WEST (Applicant) filed Advice No. 11 for a tariff revision with the Montana Public Service Commission, requesting that the Commission, pursuant to jurisdiction granted by Section 70-101, et seq., RCM 1947, AUTHORIZE A TARIFF REVISION TO:

- Transfer from Schedule No. A-1 two and four-party service for the Molt and Rapelje exchanges on First Revised Sheet No. 3 and two-party service for the Nye exchange on Second Revised Sheet No. 5 to Schedule No. X-1. Discontinuing the future offering of these services will freeze them to the existing customers. This change in service will provide an upgrade in the service offered in these exchanges.
- Add Big Sky, Ennis, Harrison and Hysham exchanges to "TERRITORY" in Schedule No. A-13, Third Revised Sheets Nos. 6 and 8. This will provide the services of Data Subset Couplers and Miscellaneous Connecting Arrangements to these exchanges.
- Provide charges, rates and conditions for the Dacon MK10E Call Diverter and MK5E Call Announcement in Schedule No. A-15, Original Sheets Nos. 4A or 4B. This offering will satisfy requests for this service.
- Provide touchtone instrument for data access service for the St. Ignatius exchange in Schedule No. A-15, Original Sheet No. 11A. The price for this service is the same as a similar service in Schedule No. A-27, Original Sheet No. 2, "RATES" A2. This offering will satisfy present requests for this service.
- Transfer the offering of Magically equipment from Schedule No. A-15, Second Revised Sheet No. 3 and First Revised Sheet No. 4 to Schedule No. X-1, First Revised Sheet No. 20B

and Original Sheet No. 20C. This equipment is now manufacturer discontinued.

- Delete the Heart Butte Clinic as a customer for flat rate four-party business service in Schedule No. X-2, Third Revised Sheet No. 2. The customer has upgraded to one-party service.
- Add and change Service and Equipment (S&E) Codes in order to conform this tariff to the utility's Western Region format.
- Make textual changes, where necessary.

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 public hearing to be held, if requested, was published in the following newspapers on August 7, 1978, or as soon as possible, thereafter: The Billings Gazette, Billings, MT; The Missoulian, Missoula, MT; Bozeman Chronicle, Bozeman, MT; The Madisonian, Virginia City, MT; Montana Standard, Butte, MT; and the Great Falls Tribune, Great Falls, MT. The notice stated that if no requests for a public hearing were requested by August 31, 1978, the Commission would consider the matter and a default order would be issued.

2. No requests for a hearing were received and no hearing was scheduled.

3. The Applicant alleges that the rates and charges are based on estimated full cost to the utility.

4. The Applicant alleges that this filing will not cause the withdrawal of any service other than as stated above, nor increase any charge or rate nor conflict with any rule or schedule.

5. The Applicant alleges that the rates and charges are based on estimated full cost to the utility.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Commission has jurisdiction over parties and proceedings in this matter.

2. The new tariffs are reasonable and just.

ORDER

1. The following is approved:

SCHEDULE NO. AA  
Preliminary Statement

Third Revised Sheet No. 1  
First Revised Sheet No. 5

SCHEDULE NO. A-1  
Individual and Party Line Service

Fourth Revised Sheet No. 1  
Second Revised Sheet No. 3  
Third Revised Sheet No. 5

SCHEDULE NO. A-10  
Key Telephone System Service

Fifth Revised Sheet No. 1  
First Revised Sheet No. 3A

SCHEDULE NO. A-13  
Interconnect Couplers and Connecting Arrangements

Fifth Revised Sheet No. 1  
Third Revised Sheet No. 6  
Original Sheet No. 6A  
Third Revised Sheet No. 8  
First Revised Sheet No. 10

SCHEDULE NO. A-15  
Supplemental Equipment

Third Revised Sheet No. 1  
Second Revised Sheet No. 2  
Third Revised Sheet No. 3  
Second Revised Sheet No. 4  
Original Sheet No. 4A  
Original Sheet No. 4B  
Original Sheet No. 11A

SCHEDULE NO. A-16  
Signals and Signal Circuits

Second Revised Sheet No. 1  
Second Revised Sheet No. 3

SCHEDULE NO. X-1  
Discontinued Service and Equipment

Fifth Revised Sheet No. 1  
Fourth Revised Sheet No. 3  
First Revised Sheet No. 20B  
Original Sheet No. 20C

SCHEDULE NO. X-2  
List of Contracts and Deviations

Fourth Revised Sheet No. 1  
Third Revised Sheet No. 2

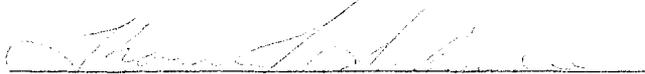
2. The filed tariffs shall be effective for telephone service rendered after September 6, 1978.

DONE IN OPEN SESSION at Helena, Montana, this 6th day of September, 1978 by a 5 - 0 vote.

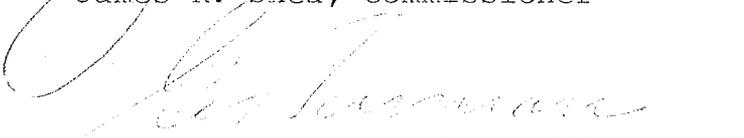
BY ORDER OF THE MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION.

  
Gordon E. Bollinger, Chairman

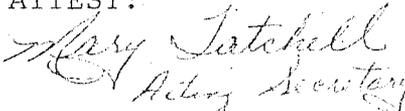
  
P. J. Gilfeather, Commissioner

  
Thomas J. Schneider, Commissioner

  
James R. Shea, Commissioner

  
George Turman, Commissioner

ATTEST:

  
Mary Tatchell  
Acting Secretary  
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. Sec. 82-4216, RCM 1947; and Commission Rules of Practice and Procedure, esp. 38-2.2 (64)-P2750, ARM.