

Service Date: January 30, 1979

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 the CITY OF CHINOOK for authority) | DOCKET NO. 6638 |
| to Increase Sewer Rates.) | DEFAULT ORDER NO. 4483 |

On November 9, 1978 the City of Chinook (Applicant) filed an application with the Montana Public Service Commission for an Order authorizing the Applicant to increase its sewer rates to provide additional revenue to defray increased costs of operation and to maintain, repair, and improve the existing system.

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 with the January 3, 1979 edition of the Chinook Opinion and the January 4, 1979 edition of the Great Falls Tribune. The Notice stated that if no requests for a public hearing were received by January 29, 1979 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 November 2, 1979 the City Council of the City of

Chinook passed Resolution No. 490 setting sewer rates at the proposed level.

4.) The City alleges it needs additional revenue to defray increased costs of operation, and to maintain, repair and improve the existing system.

5.) The City anticipates that the proposed rates will increase annual revenues by \$7,644.

6.) The City alleges it has no current bonded indebtedness for the Sewer Department.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

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

2.) The resulting rate levels are reasonable and just.

ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

1.) The following monthly rates are authorized:

Residential per unit \$3.00 per month

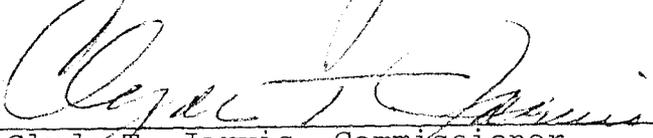
Commercial 30% of water bill per month

2.) The approved rates shall be effective for sewer service rendered on and after February 1, 1979.

DONE IN OPEN SESSION in Helena, Montana, 59601 on January 29, 1979 by a 5 - 0 vote.

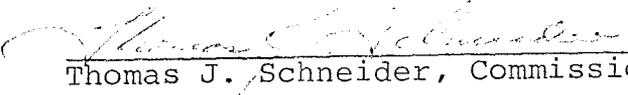
BY ORDER OF THE MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION.


Gordon E. Bollinger, Chairman

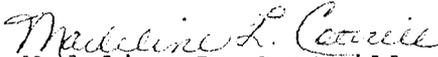

Clyde T. Jarvis, Commissioner


James R. Shea, Commissioner


George Turman, Commissioner


Thomas J. Schneider, Commissioner

ATTEST:


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.