

Service Date: March 18, 1980

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE REGULATION
MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application)	
of the CITY OF COLUMBIA FALLS,)	DOCKET NO. 6687
Montana for an order authorizing)	
a water rate increase and to imple-)	ORDER NO. 4568b
ment a multiple user charge and a)	
special Extreme Low Temperature)	
Regulation.)	

Pursuant to notice given in the manner prescribed by law, this matter came on regularly to be heard commencing at 10:00 a.m. on the 22nd day of August, 1979, at the City Hall, 130 6th Street West, Columbia Falls, Montana, before Commissioner George Turman, duly appointed Hearing Examiner for the Montana Public Service Commission.

APPEARANCES

FOR THE APPLICANT, CITY OF COLUMBIA FALLS:

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FOR THE INTERVENOR, MONTANA CONSUMER COUNSEL:

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FOR THE COMMISSION:

Eileen E. Shore, Counsel
James P. Dwyer, Rate Analyst

BEFORE:

George Turman, Commissioner

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Order No. 4768a in Docket No. 6687 was issued on February 26, 1980.
2. Order No. 4568a directed the City of Columbia Falls Sewer Department to file a rate schedule reflecting a sewer rate equaling 57 percent of the water rate.
3. On March 7, 1980 the Mayor of the City of Columbia Falls submitted a letter, which the Commission treated as a Motion for Reconsideration, indicating a computational error had been made in Order No. 4568a. The Mayor's letter was accompanied by exhibits in support of his Motion for Reconsideration.
4. The Commission's staff agrees with the exhibits filed in support of the Motion for Reconsideration demonstrate that in order to maintain sewer revenues at their approved level the sewer rates should be 65 percent of the water rate.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The City of Columbia Falls Sewer Department rates are subject to the jurisdiction of this Commission.
2. The rate adjustment approved herein is reasonable and just.

ORDER

1. IT IS ORDERED that the City of Columbia Falls Sewer Department shall file a rate schedule reflecting rates equal to 65 percent of the currently approved water rates.
2. IT IS ORDERED that the City of Columbia Falls shall rebate to all consumers the overcharge for sewer since the effective date of Order 4568.
3. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the City of Columbia Falls shall inform this Commission of the manner in which these rebates are made,

DONE IN OPEN SESSION in Helena, Montana on March 17, 1980 by a 5 - 0 vote.

BY ORDER OF THE MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION.

George Turman, Commissioner

Gordon E. Bollinger, Chairman

Thomas J. Schneider, Commissioner

Clyde Jarvis, Commissioner

James R. Shea, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Madeline L. Cottrill
Secretary

(SEAL)

NOTE: You may be 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. 2-4-702, MCA, and Commission Rules of Practice and Procedure, esp. 38-2.2(64) P2750, ARM.