

**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 the CITY OF BIG TIMBER To In- )  
crease Sewer Rates. )  
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UTILITY DIVISION  
DOCKET NO. 80.11.102  
INTERIM ORDER NO. 4739

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. On November 6, 1980, the City of Big Timber (Applicant) filed an application for authority to increase sewer rates, on a permanent basis, by approximately 365%, equalling a revenue increase of approximately \$41,000.

2. Concurrent with the filing of the permanent application for increased rates, the City filed an application for interim increase in rates of approximately 111%, equalling a revenue increase of approximately \$12,475 or 30% of the proposed permanent increase.

3. The City alleges the proposed interim increase in rates is necessary to offset increased costs of operation.

4. The Commission's examination of the City's filing indicates that the City is in need of an interim increase in rates to prevent an operating deficit from occurring.

5. The City's exhibits indicate an interim annual revenue increase of \$12,475 is justified and prevents the City from sustaining an operating loss for fiscal year 1981.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Commission has jurisdiction over parties and the subject matter in this proceeding.

2. The Commission may, in its discretion, temporarily approve increases pending a hearing or final action. If the final action is to disapprove the increase, the Commission shall order a rebate to all consumers for the amount collected retroactive to the date of the temporary approval, 69-3-304, MCA.

3. The application for a permanent increase will be noticed for a hearing at a later date.

ORDER

1. IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Applicant file rates as set forth in Appendix "A" annexed hereto and by this reference incorporated herein.

2. The rules of operation currently in effect for the sewer utility shall remain in effect until a final order is issued in this docket.

3. The effective date shall be for sewer service rendered on and after December 31, 1980.

4. The increase granted herein is subject to rebate should the final order in this docket determine that a lesser amount than authorized by this order is required.

5. In the event a rebate is directed by the final order in this docket, provision shall be made in that order to cause all

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uncollected rebates to be escheated to the State of Montana in the manner provided by law.

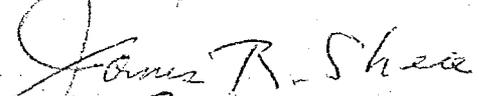
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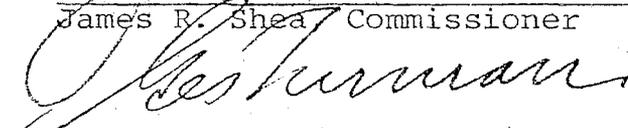
BY ORDER OF THE MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION.

  
Gordon E. Bollinger, Chairman

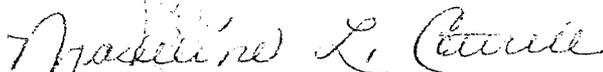
  
Clyde Jarvis, Commissioner

  
Thomas J. Schneider, Commissioner

  
James R. Shea, Commissioner

  
George Turman, 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. 38.2.4806, ARM.

APPENDIX "A"

Rate:

<u>User Category</u>	<u>User Category BASE RATE</u>
Residential	\$ 1.79
Retail Business	\$ 2.69
Service Stations	\$ 9.49
Garages, Car & Implement Dealers	\$ 1.79
Restaurants & Cafes	\$19.69
Bars & Taverns	\$ 5.37
Offices	\$ 1.79
Creamery/Dairy	\$ 3.04
Bowling Alley	\$ 9.49
Resthome	\$37.59
Hospital	\$ 6.98
Schools	\$30.25
Churches	\$ 1.79
Medical & Veterinary Clinics	\$ 1.79
Locker Plant	\$20.94
Car Wash	\$ 1.79
Laundromats	

<u>Number of Washers</u>	<u>Monthly Base Rate</u>
2	\$ 6.27
4	\$12.54
6	\$18.81
8	\$25.08
10	\$31.35
12	\$37.62
14	\$43.89
16	\$50.16
18	\$56.43
20	\$62.70

Hotels/Motels

<u>Capacity No. of Guests</u>	<u>Monthly Base Rate</u>
30	\$11.81
40	\$15.75
50	\$19.69
75	\$29.54
100	\$39.38
125	\$49.23