

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

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READING FILE

IN THE MATTER of the Application )  
of the SHELBY GAS ASSOCIATION For )  
Authority To Increase Rates and )  
Charges For Natural Gas Service. )  
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UTILITY DIVISION  
DOCKET NO. 80.5.30  
INTERIM RATE ORDER NO. 4735

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Shelby Gas Association made application to this Commission for authority to increase rates in order to offset increased gas costs charged by The Montana Power Company as a result of Docket No. 80.4.2.

2. Shelby Gas Association purchases one hundred percent (100%) of its gas from The Montana Power Company.

3. The Commission granted Montana Power Company an increase in its natural gas rates. Included in the rate increase order was authorization to increase charges to Montana Power's small utility customers.

4. This increase will result in a corresponding expense increase to Shelby Gas Association for purchased gas.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. 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.

2. The application of Shelby Gas Association will be noticed for hearing at a later date.

ORDER

1. Shelby Gas Association is authorized to increase its rates to cover increased gas costs from The Montana Power Company as a result of Commission Order No. 4714a, and to file tariffs and supporting calculations.

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

3. In the event a rebate is directed by the final order in this docket, provision shall be made in that order to cause all uncollected rebates to be escheated to the State of Montana in the manner provided by law.

4. The increased rates shall be collected upon a constant, uniform cents per Mcf basis.

5. The tariffs shall be effective for services rendered on and after December 19, 1980.

6. Services rendered before December, 19, 1980 must be billed at the rate in effect prior to December 19, 1980.

DONE IN OPEN SESSION by a vote of 5 - 0 at a meeting of the Public Service Commission held December 19, 1980.

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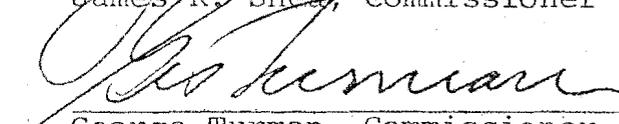
BY ORDER OF THE MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION.

  
Gordon E. Bollinger, Chairman

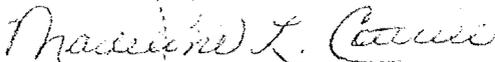
  
Clyde Jarvis, Commissioner

  
Thomas J. Schneider, Commissioner

  
James R. Shea, Commissioner

  
George Turman, Commissioner

ATTEST:

  
Madeline L. Cottrill  
Secretary

(SEAL)

NOTE: You 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. 2-4-702, MCA; and Commission Rules of Practice and Procedure, esp. 38.2.4806, ARM.