

READING FILE.

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

IN THE MATTER of the Application)	UTILITY DIVISION
of the TOWN OF ALBERTON For Authority)	DOCKET NO. 80.7.72
To Adopt Increased Sewer Rates.)	DEFAULT ORDER NO. 4717
)	

On July 9, 1980, the TOWN OF ALBERTON (Applicant) filed an application with the Montana Public Service Commission for an order authorizing the Applicant to increase its sewer rates to provide revenues to defray increased costs of operation and to maintain and repair existing systems.

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 Opportunity For Public Hearing to be held, if requested, was published in the October 22, 1980 edition of the Missoulian and the October 23, 1980 edition of the Mineral Independent. The notice stated that if no requests for a public hearing were received by November 17, 1980 an appropriate order may be issued based upon evidence submitted with the application.
2. No protests or requests for public hearing were received and no hearing was scheduled.
3. On July 7, 1980, the entire Town Council of the Town of Alberton passed Resolution No. 109 setting sewer rates at the proposed level.

4. The Town alleges it needs additional revenue to provide for increased costs of operation and to repair the existing system.

5. The Town anticipates that the proposed rates will increase annual revenues by approximately \$4,000.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

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

2. The resulting rate levels are reasonable and just.

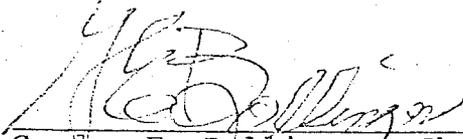
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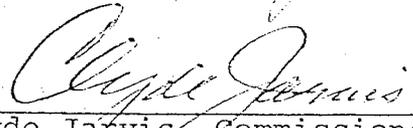
1. The rates as set forth in Appendix "A" attached and by this reference incorporated herein are authorized.

2. These rates shall be effective for all sewer services rendered on and after November 24, 1980.

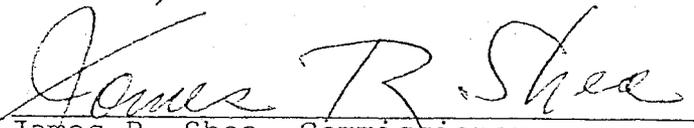
DONE IN OPEN SESSION in Helena, Montana on November 24, 1980 by a 5 - 0 vote.

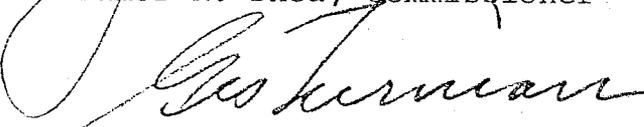
BY ORDER OF THE MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION.


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 Act, esp. Sec. 2-4-702, MCA; and Commission Rules of Practice and Procedure, esp. 38.2.24806 ARM.

