

Service Date: February 17, 1982

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 )	UTILITY DIVISION
Consumers Gas Company for Authority )	DOCKET NO. 81.12.109
to Increase Rates and Charges for )	DEFAULT ORDER NO. 4872a
Natural Gas Service. )	

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Consumers Gas Company (Applicant) applied to this Commission for an Order authorizing an increase in the rates Applicant charges for natural gas service. The application sought authority to increase rates in order to track the increase of \$.1382 Mcf in the cost of purchased natural gas from Treasure State Pipe Line Company resulting from the Commission's granting termination of the Oilmont/Four Corners/Ferdig portion of the Treasure State Pipe Line Company's transmission pipeline system effective December 15, 1981 in Docket No. 81.10.92.
2. On December 14, 1981, the Commission authorized Interim Rate Order No. 4872.
3. On January 8, 1982, a Notice of Opportunity for Public Hearing was issued, and a legal notice was published in the January 14, 1982 edition of the Shelby Promoter, Shelby, Montana.
4. The Notice of Opportunity for Public Hearing stated that if any person having proper standing asked the Commission

for a public hearing, a hearing would be scheduled by the Commission. If, however, no hearing was requested by February 9, 1982, the Commission would consider the matter and a default order would be issued.

5. No protests or requests for hearing were received, so no hearing was scheduled.

CONCLUSION OF LAW

1. The Montana Public Service Commission properly exercises jurisdiction over the Applicant's operations pursuant to Title 69, Chapter 3, MCA.

ORDER

NOW THEREFORE at a session of the Public Service Commission, Department of Public Service Regulation of the State of Montana, held in its offices at 1227 11th Avenue, Helena, Montana on the 16th day of February, 1982, there being present a quorum of Commissioners, there came regularly before the Commission for final action the matters and things in Docket No. 81.12.109, and the Commission being fully advised in the premises;

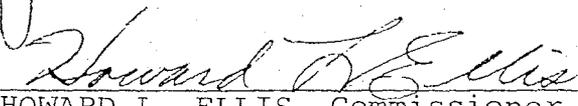
IT IS ORDERED by the Commission that the rates approved on an interim basis are hereby made permanent.

DONE IN OPEN SESSION at Helena, Montana on the 16th day of February, 1982, by a vote of 5 - 0 .

BY ORDER OF THE MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION.

  
GORDON E. BOLLINGER, Chairman

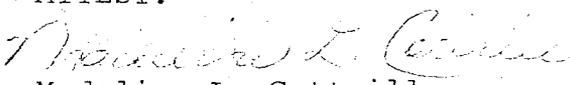
  
JOHN B. DRISCOLL, Commissioner

  
HOWARD L. ELLIS, Commissioner

  
CLYDE JARVIS, Commissioner

  
THOMAS J. SCHNEIDER, Commissioner

ATTEST:

  
Madeline L. Cottrill  
Commission 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.