

Service Date: March 13, 1981

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 SHELBY GAS ASSOCIATION for)
Authority to Adopt Increased Rates)
and Charges on an Interim Basis)
for Natural Gas Service.)

UTILITY DIVISION
DOCKET NO. 81.2.9
~~DEFAULT ORDER NO. 4755~~
Interim

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. On February 3, 1981 the Montana Public Service Commission received an Application for Increase in Natural Gas Rates from the Shelby Gas Association (Applicant), a Cooperative Association of Consumers serving the Shelby, Montana area.

2. In the Application the Applicant requested that the Commission grant a temporary rate increase on or before February 15, 1981.

3. On February 10, 1981 the Commission issued a Notice of Request for Interim Rate Relief soliciting comments regarding the proposed increase. Comments were to be received by February 27, 1981. No comments were received.

4. The proposed rate revisions will produce an estimated additional annual revenue of approximately \$270,000.

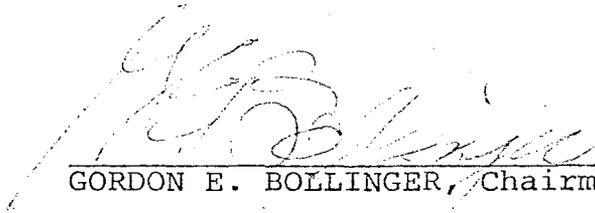
CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

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.

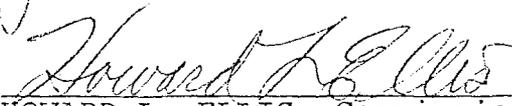
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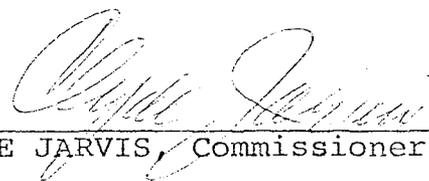
1. IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Applicant file tariff schedules reflecting rates of \$6.55 for the first MCF or less per month and \$4.55 for all subsequent MCF's for all gas service.
 2. The effective date shall be for gas service rendered on and after March 2, 1981.
 3. The increase granted herein is subject to rebate should the final order in this docket determine that a lesser amount than authorized by this order is required.
 4. 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.
- DONE IN OPEN SESSION in Helena, Montana on the 2nd day of March, 1981, by a 5 - 0 vote.

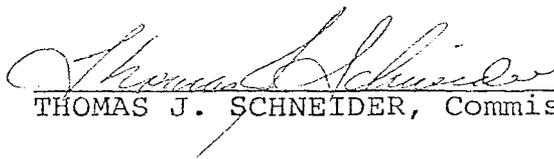
BY ORDER OF THE MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION.


GORDON E. BOLLINGER, Chairman

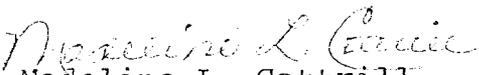

JOHN B. DRISCOLL, Commissioner


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.