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Service Date: March 25, 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)
for Natural Gas Service.)

UTILITY DIVISION
DOCKET NO. 81.2.9
ORDER NO. 4755a

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. On February 3, 1981, the Shelby Gas Association (Applicant) filed with the Montana Public Service Commission an Application for Increase in Natural Gas Rates. The requested increase in rates and charges would allow the Applicant to generate additional annual revenues of approximately \$270,000.

2. The Applicant also included a request that the Commission authorize a temporary (interim) rate increase in the full amount stated above. A Notice of Request for Interim Rate Relief was issued on February 10, 1981. Comments regarding the interim notice were due by February 27, 1981. No comments were received and on March 2, 1981, the Commission approved the request for interim relief.

3. On March 6, 1981, the Commission issued a Notice of Opportunity for Public Hearing in regards to the Applicant effectuating a permanent increase in rates. The Notice stated that requests for hearing were due by March 20, 1981. No requests for hearing were received.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

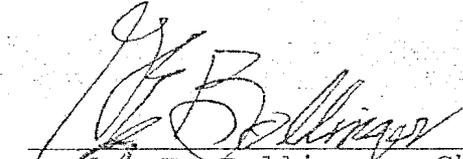
1. The Commission has jurisdiction over parties and the subject matter in this proceeding.

ORDER

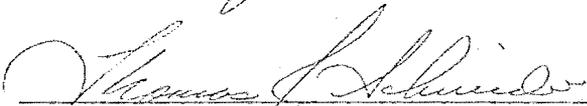
1. IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the rates as approved in Order No. 4755 become permanent.

2. Done in open session in Helena, Montana on the 23rd day of March, 1981 by a 5 - 0 vote.

BY ORDER OF THE MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION.


Gordon E. Bollinger, Chairman


Clyde Jarvis, Commissioner


Thomas J. Schneider, Commissioner


Howard L. Ellis, Commissioner


John B. Driscoll, 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. 38.3.4806, ARM.