

Service Date: May 4, 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)	UTILITY DIVISION
of the TOWN OF OPHEIM For Authority)	DOCKET NO. 81.3.26
To Adopt Increased Water Rates.)	DEFAULT ORDER NO. 4798
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On March 5, 1981, the Town of Opheim (Applicant) filed an application with the Montana Public Service Commission for an order authorizing the applicant to increase its water rates to provide additional revenue to defray increased costs of operation and to maintain, repair, and improve the water utility facilities.

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 was published in the March 26, 1981 edition of the Glasgow Courier. The notice stated that if no requests for a public hearing were received by April 21, 1981 an appropriate order would be issued based upon evidence submitted with the application.

2. No requests for a hearing were received and no hearing was scheduled.

3. On November 11, 1980 the Town Council of the Town of Opheim passed Resolution No. 3 setting water rates at the proposed level.

4. The City alleges it needs additional revenue to defray increased costs of operation and to maintain, and repair and improve the water utility facilities.

5. The City anticipates that the proposed rates will increase annual revenues by approximately \$2,700.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

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

2. Interested persons were given proper notice and an opportunity to request a public hearing on this matter.

3. The resulting rate levels are reasonable and just.

ORDER

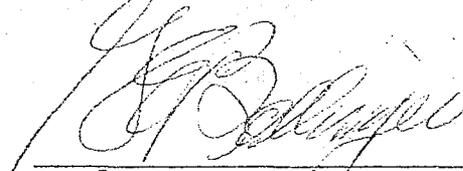
1. The following monthly rates are authorized:

First	8,000 gallons	\$7.50 minimum charge
Next	12,000 gallons	.60 per 1,000
Over	20,000 gallons	.30 per 1,000

2. These rates shall be effective for all water services rendered on and after April 27, 1981.

DONE IN OPEN SESSION in Helena, Montana on April 27, 1981 by
a 4-0 vote.

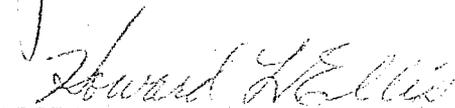
BY ORDER OF THE MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION.



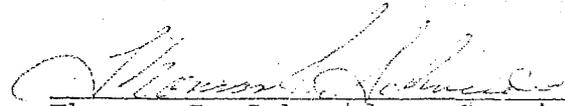
Gordon E. Bollinger, Chairman



John B. Driscoll, Commissioner



Howard L. Ellis, Commissioner



Thomas J. Schneider, 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. 38-2.4806, ARM.