Service Date: March 28, 1983

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

* * * * *

IN THE MATTER of the Application of) the TOWN OF KEVIN for Authority to) Increase its Natural Gas Rates.)	UTILITY DIVISION DOCKET NOS. 81.3.35 81.9.80 DEFAULT ORDER NO. 4782d

* * * * *

83-12

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The Town of Kevin filed petitions with the Montana Public Service Commission requesting that the Commission, pursuant to jurisdiction granted by Sections 69-3-101 et seq., MCA, authorize it to increase its natural gas rates to offset the increased cost of gas purchased from the Montana Power Company.

2. The applications were approved on a interim basis.

3. A notice of opportunity for public hearing was served February 14, 1983, with requests for hearing to be received on or before March 15, 1983. No requests were received.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Commission has jurisdiciton over the rates and tariffs of the applicant.

2. Rates approved herein are found to be just and reasonable.

ORDER

1. The increased cost of gas to the applicant represent a legitimate operating expense.

2. Rates approved on an interim basis are hereby made permanent.

DONE IN OPEN SESSION by a vote of 5-0 at a meeting of the Public Service Commission held March 28, 1983.

BY ORDER OF THE MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION.

THOMAS J. SCHNEIDER, Chairman

JOHN B. DRISCOLL, Commissioner

HOWARD L. ELLIS, Commissioner

CLYDE JARVIS, Commissioner

DANNY OBERG, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Madeline L. Cottrill
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

NOTE: Any interested party may request the Commission to reconsider this decision. A motion to reconsider must be filed within ten (10) days. See 38.2.4806, ARM.