

Service Date: January 20, 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 PACIFIC POWER & LIGHT COMPANY)
For Authority To Adopt New Rates) UTILITY DIVISION
and Charges For Electric Service) DOCKET NO. 81.9.81
Reflecting Regional Act Power) ORDER NO. 4843a
Exchange.)

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. On January 18, 1982, the Montana Public Service Commission issued Order No. 4881, in Docket No. 81.8.70 granting Pacific Power and Light Company (Company) interim revenue relief of \$1,553,000.

2. The Company's Motion for Temporary Rate Increase makes no reference to an interim Schedule 98 billing credit. Commensurate with a revenue increase of magnitude granted by the Commission is a significant increase in the Company's Average System Cost and resulting Schedule 98 billing credit. The Company is directed to develop an interim First Revision of Schedule 98 consistent with the Average System Cost Methodology found in--the FERC Interim Rules, or Final Rule should it be issued prior to developing the credit. The revised Schedule 98 shall be effective simultaneous with the Schedules reflecting the interim increase granted in Order No. 4881.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Applicant, Pacific Power & Light Company, is a corporation providing electric service within the State of Montana and as such is a "public utility" within the meaning of Section 69-3-101, MCA.

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

ORDER

THE MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The Applicant, Pacific Power & Light Company is hereby granted authority to implement a modified rate credit in the manner described in the Findings of Fact portion of this order, for qualifying customers on an interim basis, pending final review by the Commission.

DONE IN OPEN SESSION this 18th day of January, 1982 by a 4 -
0 vote.

BY ORDER OF THE MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION.

GORDON E. BOLLINGER, Chairman

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 Re consideration 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.