

Service Date: March 16, 1982

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

READING FILE

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In the Matter of the Application )  
of the Town of Denton for Au- )  
thority to Adopt Increased )  
Water Rates. )  
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UTILITY DIVISION  
DOCKET NO. 82.1.5  
DEFAULT ORDER NO. 4887

On January 11, 1982, the Town of Denton (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 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 February 10, 1982 edition of the Great Falls Tribune and the February 10, 1982 edition of the Lewistown News-Argus, Lewistown, Montana. The notice stated that if no requests for a public hearing were received by March 9, 1982, an appropriate order would be issued based upon evidence submitted with the application.

2. On December 7, 1981, the Town Council of the Town of Denton passed a Resolution setting water rates at the proposed level.

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

4. The City anticipates that the proposed rates will increase annual revenues by approximately \$6,500.

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 in this matter.
3. The resulting rate levels are reasonable and just.

ORDER

1. The following monthly rates are authorized:

Rate:

	<u>Proposed</u>
Residential and Commercial	\$5.00 per/month
Churches	\$1.00 per/month
School (Sept. - Apr.)	\$10.00 per/month
School (May - August)	\$13.00 per/month
Bulk water	\$1.00 per/500gals

2. These rates shall be effective for all water services rendered on and after March 15, 1982.

DONE IN OPEN SESSION in Helena, Montana on March 15, 1982 by  
a 5 to 0 vote.

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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.