

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 BLACK HILLS POWER AND LIGHT )  
COMPANY For Authority To Decrease )  
Their Quarterly Fuel Rate Rider. )  
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UTILITY DIVISION  
DOCKET NO. 83.10.69  
DEFAULT ORDER NO. 5024

On October 3, 1983, Black Hills Power and Light Company (BHPL or Applicant) filed a petition with the Montana Public Service Commission pursuant to Sections 69-3-101 et. seq., MCA for an order authorizing the Applicant to decrease its electric rates in order to reflect the decreased cost of fuel used in the generation of electricity. The fuel costs concerned are for the months of June, July and August 1983.

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. If decreased fuel costs for months of June, July and August, 1983 are to be recovered, a credit of \$.00035 must be subtracted from the base fuel cost of \$.01240 approved in Docket No. 83.4.25 which results in a total fuel charge of \$.01205 per Kwh.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Commission has jurisdiction over parties and proceedings.

in this matter.

2. The resulting rate levels are reasonable and just.

ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

1. The Quarterly Fuel Rate Rider for the billing period of November and December 1983 and January 1984 is \$.00035 per Kwh. This charge shall be subtracted from the base cost approved in Docket No. 83.4.25.

2. The approved rates shall be effective for electric service rendered on and after November 1, 1983.

DONE IN OPEN SESSION at Helena, Montana October 24, 1983, by a  
5 - 0 vote.

BY ORDER OF THE MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

*Thomas J. Schneider*  
THOMAS J. SCHNEIDER, Chairman

*Clyde Jarvis*  
CLYDE JARVIS, Commissioner

*Howard L. Ellis*  
HOWARD L. ELLIS, Commissioner

*John B. Driscoll*  
JOHN B. DRISCOLL, Commissioner

*Danny Oberg*  
DANNY OBERG, Commissioner

ATTEST:

*Madeline L. Cottrill*  
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Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

Any interested party may request the Commission to reconsider this decision. A motion to reconsider must be filed within ten (10) days. See 28.2.4806, ARM.

MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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I hereby certify that a copy of DEFAULT ORDER NO. 5024, in DOCKET NO. 83.10.69, in the matter of BLACK HILLS POWER AND LIGHT COMPANY, dated October 24, 1983, has today been served on all parties listed below by mailing a copy thereof to each party by first class mail, postage prepaid.

Date October 25, 1983

  
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