

Service Date: June 3, 1983

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 MONTANA POWER COMPANY for	)	DOCKET NO. 83.3.23
Authority to Eliminate the Residential	)	ORDER NO. 4986
and Farm Energy Exchange	)	
Credit.	)	

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. On March 22, 1983, the Montana Power Company (Applicant) filed a petition requesting authority to eliminate the Residential and Farm Energy Exchange Credit. The Applicant alleges that the Energy Exchange Contract Credit needs to be extinguished as a result of the Bonneville Power Administration's average system cost determination, which places the Applicant in a negative position.

2. The annual revenue affect of this proposal, if granted in total, is approximately \$585,763.

3. A Notice of Opportunity For Public Hearing was issued and published as a legal ad in eleven daily newspapers throughout Montana. Protests and/or requests for hearing were due by May 10, 1983.

4. No protests nor requests for hearing were received.

5. Montana Power Company, Docket No. 82.8.54, Order No.4938a, Finding of Fact 206 stated "Exchange Credit, Due to the current magnitude of the EPA exchange credit, in

combination with the existing negative surplus, the Commission finds reason to suspend the credit. This decision, however, does not prevent the Commission from tariffing an exchange credit in the future.”

#### CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Applicant, Montana Power Company, furnishes electric service to consumers in Montana, and is a “public utility” under the regulatory jurisdiction of the Montana Public Service Commission. MCA Section 69-3-101.

2. The Commission properly exercises jurisdiction over the Applicant’s rates and operations. MCA Sections 69-3-102, and MCA, Title 69, Chapter 3, Part 3.

#### ORDER

1. Order No. 4938a is hereby adopted in part, “The Applicant is to file tariffs that exclude the BPA exchange credit.”

DONE IN OPEN SESSION at a meeting of the Public Service Commission held in Helena, Montana on May 31, 1983 by a vote of 4-0.

BY ORDER OF THE MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION.

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Thomas J. Schneider, Chairman

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Clyde Jarvis, Commissioner

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Howard L. Ellis, Commissioner

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Danny Oberg, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Madeline L. Cottrill  
Commission Secretary

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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.