

Service Date: May 9, 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)	
of SHELBY GAS ASSOCIATION for)	DOCKET NO. 83.4.31
Authority to decrease Rates and)	ORDER NO. 4984
Charges for Natural Gas Service.)	<u>INTERIM RATE ORDER</u>

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Shelby Gas Association (Applicant) applied to this Commission for an Order authorizing a decrease in the rates Applicant charges for natural gas service. The application sought authority to reduce rates in order to reflect the decrease resulting from the Canadian Border Price change and the resulting net decrease granted The Montana Power Company (Montana Power) in Docket No. 83.1.5.
2. On April 25, 1983, the Commission's Order No. 4976 in Docket No. 83.1.5 granted Montana Power a natural gas rate decrease.
3. Order No. 4976 will reduce the purchased gas costs to Shelby Gas Association.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Shelby Gas Association, is a corporation providing gas service within the State of Montana, and as such, is a "public utility" within the meaning of MCA Section 69-3-101.

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

ORDER

1. Shelby Gas Association is authorized to reduce its rates to reflect the decreased gas costs from Montana Power as a result of the Commission's Order No. 4976, and to file tariffs and supporting cost computations.

2. The decreased rates shall be reduced on a constant uniform cents per Mcf basis.

3. The filed tariffs shall be effective for services rendered on and after April 25, 1983.

DONE IN OPEN SESSION by a vote of 5-0 at a meeting of the Public Service Commission held in Helena, Montana on April 25, 1983.

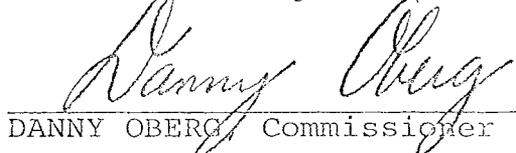
BY ORDER OF THE MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION.


THOMAS J. SCHNEIDER, Chairman

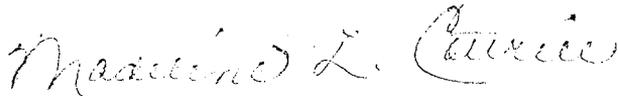

JOHN B. DRISCOLL, Commissioner


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.