

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) UTILITY DIVISION
COMPANY For Authority To Decrease) DOCKET NO. 83.7.51
Their Quarterly Fuel Rate Rider.) DEFAULT ORDER NO. 5008
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On July 5, 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 March, April and May, 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 the months of March, April and May, 1983 are to be recovered, a credit of \$.00223 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 \$.01017 per Kwh.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Commission has jurisdiction over parties and pro-

ceedings 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 August, September and October, 1983 is \$.00223 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 August 1, 1983.

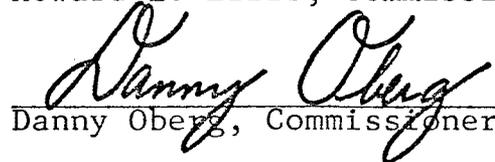
DONE IN OPEN SESSION at Helena, Montana on July 25, 1983,
by a 4 - 0 vote.

BY ORDER OF THE MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION.


Thomas J. Schneider, Chairman


John B. Driscoll, Commissioner


Howard L. Ellis, 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.

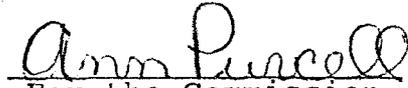
MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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I hereby certify that a copy of DEFAULT ORDER NO. 5008, in DOCKET NO. 83.7.51, in the matter of BLACK HILLS POWER AND LIGHT COMPANY, dated July 25, 1983, has today been served on all of the parties listed below by mailing a copy thereof to each party by first class mail, postage prepaid.

Date: July 25, 1983


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