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Service Date: October 30, 1984

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 BLACK HILLS POWER & LIGHT)	DOCKET NO. 84.10.63	
COMPANY for Authority to Increase)	INTERIM ORDER NO.	5092
Their Quarterly Fuel Rate Rider)		

On October 1, 1984, the Black Hills Power & Light Company (BHPL or Applicant) filed a petition with the Montana Public Service Commission pursuant to Section 69-3-101, et. seq., MCA for an order authorizing the Applicant to increase its electric rates in order to reflect the increased cost of fuel used in the generation of electricity. The fuel costs concerned are for the months of June, July and August 1984.

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 increased fuel costs for the months of June, July and August, 1984 are to be recovered, a charge of \$.00125 must be added to the base fuel cost of \$.01240 approved in Docket No. 83.4.25 which results in a total fuel charge of \$.01365 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

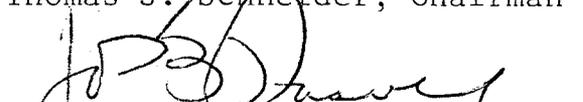
IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

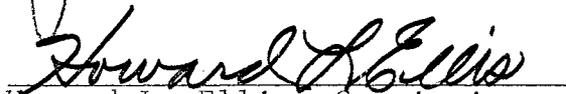
1. The Quarterly Fuel Rate Rider for the billing period November and December, 1984 and January 1985 is \$.00125 per KWH. This charge shall be added to the base cost approved in Docket No. 83.4.25.
2. The approved rates shall be effective for electric service rendered on and after November 1, 1984. If no protests or requests for hearing are received by November 30, 1984 the rates approved herein will become final.

DONE IN OPEN SESSION at Helena, Montana on October 29, 1984 by a
5 - 0 vote.

BY ORDER OF THE MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION.


Thomas J. Schneider, Chairman

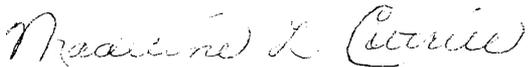

John B. Driscoll, Commissioner


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 ARM 38.2.4806.

MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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I hereby certify that a copy of INTERIM ORDER NO. 5092, in DOCKET NO. 84.10.63, in the matter of BLACK HILLS POWER & LIGHT COMPANY, dated October 29, 1984, 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: October 30, 1984.


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