

Service Date: January 3, 1985

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 TOWN OF OPHEIM For Authority)	DOCKET NO. 84.9.54
To Adopt Decreased Sewer Rates.)	DEFAULT ORDER NO. 5109

On September 12, 1984, the Town of Opheim (Applicant) filed an application with the Montana Public Service Commission for an order authorizing the Applicant to decrease its sewer rates. The Applicant upon review of its sewer utility's financial statements has determined that its revenue collections exceed those necessary for operation of the sewer utility.

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. On June 5, 1984, the Town Council of the Town of Opheim passed Resolution No. 1-1984 setting sewer rates at the proposed level.
2. The Town alleges that the decreased rates will provide sufficient revenue for proper operation and maintenance of its sewer utility facilities.
3. The Town anticipates that the proposed rates will decrease annual revenues by approximately \$1,700.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Commission has jurisdiction over parties and pro-

ceedings.

2. Interested persons were given proper notice and an opportunity to request a public hearing in this matter.

3. The resulting rate levels are reasonable and just.

ORDER

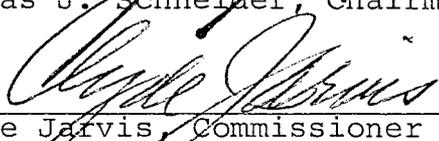
1. The Town of Opheim is authorized to implement a monthly rate of \$2.50 per connection.

2. These rates shall be effective for services rendered on and after January 1, 1985.

DONE IN OPEN SESSION at Helena, Montana on the 21st day of December, 1984 by a 4 - 0 vote.

BY ORDER OF THE MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION.


Thomas J. Schneider, Chairman


Clyde Jarvis, Commissioner


Danny Oberg, Commissioner


Howard L. Ellis, Commissioner

ATTEST:


Laura Bird, Acting Secretary

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.