

Service Date: April 29, 1986

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 CONSUMERS GAS CO. for Authority) UTILITY DIVISION  
To Decrease Rates and Charge For ) DOCKET NO. 85.12.54  
Natural Gas Service. ) ORDER NO. 5176a

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Consumers Gas Company (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 decrease rates in order to reflect all cost decreases resulting from rate decreases granted The Montana Power Company (Company) in Docket No. 85.12.52.

2. On December 19, 1985, the Commission's Interim Order No. 5174 granted the Company a natural gas rate decrease.

3. On April 14, 1986, the Commission, by vote of 3-0, adopted Default Order No. 5174a that made Interim Order No. 5174 a final order.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Consumers Gas Company is a public utility furnishing natural gas to consumers in the State of Montana. As such, it is subject to supervision, regulation and control of the Commission, 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

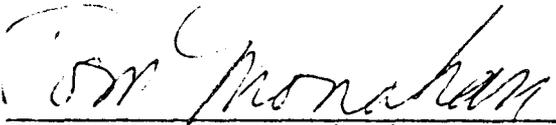
1. Rates approved on an interim basis are hereby made permanent.

DONE IN OPEN SESSION at Helena, Montana this 28th day of April, 1986, by a 5-0 vote.

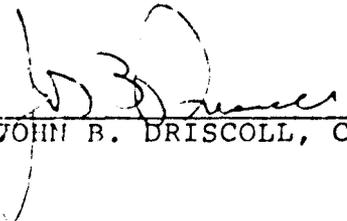
BY ORDER OF THE MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

  
CLYDE JARVIS, Chairman

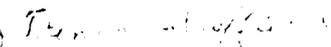
  
HOWARD L. ELLIS, Commissioner

  
TOM MONAHAN, Commissioner

  
DANNY OBERG, Commissioner

  
JOHN B. DRISCOLL, Commissioner

ATTEST:

  
Trena Scoffield  
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.