

Service Date: February 5, 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 BLACK HILLS POWER & LIGHT COM- ) UTILITY DIVISION  
PANY, For Authority To Increase ) DOCKET NO. 86.1.1  
Their Quarterly Fuel Rate Rider. ) DEFAULT ORDER NO. 5182  
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On January 6, 1986, Black Hills Power and Light Company (BHP&L 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 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 September, October and November, 1985.

On January 17, 1986, the Commission issued a Notice of Opportunity For Public Hearing. A provision in that notice stated, "If, however, no hearing is requested by January 27, 1986, the Commission will consider the matter and a default order may be issued."

Having considered the application and the documentation furnished by the 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 September, October and November 1985, are to be recovered, a charge of \$.00284 must be added to the base fuel cost of \$.01240 approved in Docket No. 84.4.25 which results in a total fuel charge of \$.01524 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

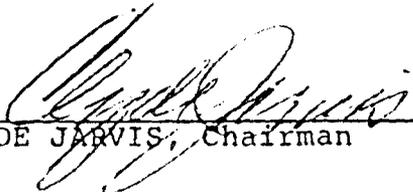
IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

1. The Quarterly Fuel Rate Rider for the billing period of February, March and April 1986 is \$.00284 per Kwh. This charge shall be added to the base fuel cost approved in Docket No. 83.4.25.

2. The approved rates shall be effective for electric service rendered on and after February 1, 1986.

DONE IN OPEN SESSION at Helena, Montana on February 3, 1986  
by a 5-0 vote.

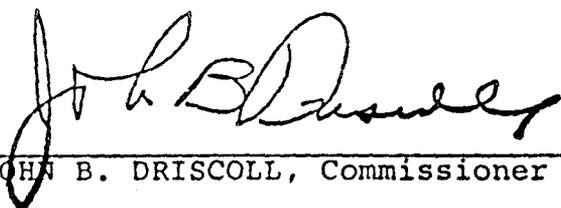
BY ORDER OF THE MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

  
CLYDE JARVIS, Chairman

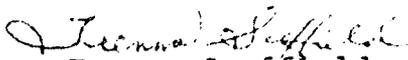
  
HOWARD L. ELLIS, Commissioner

  
TOM MONAHAN, Commissioner

  
DANNY OBERG, Commissioner

  
JOHN B. DRISCOLL, Commissioner

ATTEST:

  
Treena 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.