

Service Date: March 16, 1988

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 CUT BANK GAS COMPANY) UTILITY DIVISION
For Authority To Decrease Rates) DOCKET NO. 86.4.15
and Charges For Natural Gas) ORDER NO. 5199a
Service.)
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FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Cut Bank 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. 86.4.13.

2. On April 21, 1986, the Commission's Interim Order No. 5197 granted the Company a natural gas rate decrease.

3. On March 14, 1988, the Commission adopted Order No. 5197a that made Interim Order No. 5197 final order.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Cut Bank 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 14th day of March, 1988, 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:

Carol Frasier
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.