

Service Date: December 1, 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 )  
PACIFIC POWER AND LIGHT COMPANY For ) UTILITY DIVISION  
Authority To Transfer The Assets and ) DOCKET NO. 86.8.55  
Operating Responsibilities Of Its ) ORDER NO. 5237  
Water Utility in Bigfork, Montana To )  
Bigfork County Water and Sewer District.)

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1. On August 14, 1986, a petition was filed with the Montana Public Service Commission requesting that the Commission, pursuant to jurisdiction established by 69-3-101 et seq., MCA, authorize the transfer of the assets and operating responsibilities of Pacific Power and Light Company's water utility in Bigfork, Montana to the Bigfork County Water and Sewer District. The Bigfork County Water and Sewer District proposes to continue water service to all consumers previously supplied by Pacific Power and Light. Transfer of the assets will not in itself result in a rate increase for any consumer.

2. On October 14, 1986, the Commission issued a Notice of Opportunity for Public Hearing, which was sent to the Montana Consumer Counsel and was published in the October 22, 1986 edition of the Bigfork Eagle. The Notice gave interested parties until November 18, 1986, to request a hearing or submit protests regarding the Application.

3. No protests or requests for public hearing were received,

therefore, no public hearing was scheduled.

4. A review of the Application indicates no threat to the adequacy or availability of service to the utility's customers.

5. The proposed new owner appears to have the financial and other resources necessary to provide adequate service in the future.

#### CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. This Commission has jurisdiction over the parties and matters contained in this Docket.

2. The application demonstrates that the transfer of ownership will not result in inadequate service or unreasonable rates.

3. The proposed new owner is fit, willing and able to assume the service responsibilities associated with ownership of the water system now owned by Pacific Power and Light Company.

#### ORDER

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. Pacific Power and Light Company is hereby authorized to transfer its assets and operating responsibilities to the Bigfork County Water and Sewer District.

2. Upon transfer, the Bigfork County Water and Sewer District shall file rates, consistent with those outlined in the

application, for provision of service to consumers in Bigfork,  
Montana.

DONE IN OPEN SESSION this 1st day of December, 1986, by a vote of  
5 to 0 .

BY ORDER OF THE MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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CLYDE JARVIS, Chairman

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HOWARD L. ELLIS, Commissioner

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TOM MONAHAN, Commissioner

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DANNY OBERG, Commissioner

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JOHN B. DRISCOLL, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Ann Purcell  
Acting 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.