

Service Date: February 1, 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 Notice filed ) UTILITY DIVISION  
by MOUNTAIN BELL proposing to )  
offer Versanet on a deregulated ) DOCKET NO. 87.10.86  
basis. )  
\_\_\_\_\_ ) ORDER NO. 5325

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. On October 9, 1987, Mountain Bell filed notification with the Commission that it proposed to offer Versanet on a deregulated basis.
2. Versanet is an alarm service that utilizes advanced technology to generate low speed data signals over working telephone lines. A remote module is installed by an alarm company at the customers' premises. Alarm equipment in Mountain Bell's central office is bridged to the main distribution frame through a simple crossconnect. Monitoring of the premises is then accomplished via the customers' access line. Any break in the signal is communicated to the alarm company via a private line, data bridge network, or the dial network.
3. Regulated telecommunications service is defined by Montana statute as "two-way switched, voice-grade access and transport of communications originating and terminating in this state..." (MCA Section 69-3-803)
4. Versanet alarm signals do not require the use of Mountain Bell switching equipment and therefore are not "switched" communications. The signals used in this service originate at the customer premises and terminate in the alarm equipment in Mountain Bell's

central office and are not two-way in nature.

### CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Mountain Bell Telephone Company furnished regulated telecommunications services within the State of Montana and is a "Public Utility" under the regulatory jurisdiction of the Montana Public Service Commission.

2. The Montana Public Service Commission properly exercises jurisdiction over the Applicants' Montana operations pursuant to Title 69, Chapter 3, MCA.

3. Versanet alarm services are not regulated telecommunications services under Title 69, Chapter 3, MCA.

### ORDER

1. Mountain Bell's proposal to offer Versanet on a deregulated basis is hereby GRANTED.

DONE IN OPEN SESSION at Helena, Montana this 25th day of January, 1988, by a 5 to 0 vote.

BY ORDER OF THE MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

CLYDE JARVIS, Chairman

HOWARD L. ELLIS, Commissioner

TOM MONAHAN, Commissioner

DANNY OBERG, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Ann Purcell  
Commission Secretary

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NOTE: Any interested party may request that the Commission reconsider this decision. A motion to reconsider must be filed within ten (10) days. See 38.2.4806, ARM.