

Service Date: March 24, 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)	UTILITY DIVISION
Of TREASURE STATE PIPE LINE CO.)	DOCKET NO. 87.11.65
For Authority To Decrease Rates)	INTERIM ORDER NO. 5304a
and Charges For Natural Gas)	
Service.)	

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. TREASURE STATE PIPE LINE 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 decrease rates in order to reflect all cost decreases resulting from rate decreases granted The Montana Power Company (Company) in Docket Nos. 87.10.58.

2. On March 23, 1988, the Commission's Order No. 5301a granted Montana Power Company a natural gas rate decrease.

3. Order No. 5301a will result in decreased purchased gas costs to Applicant.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Applicant, is a "public utility" within the meaning of Section 69-3-101, MCA.

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

3. Section 69-3-304, MCA, provides in part, "The Commission may, in its discretion, temporarily approve increases or decreases pending a hearing or final decision."

4. The rate levels and spread approved herein are reasonable. The rebate provisions of Section 69-3-304, MCA protect ratepayers in the event that any revenue authorized by

this order are found to be unjustified in the final order in this Docket.

ORDER

1. Applicant is hereby granted interim relief reflecting Findings of Fact in this order.

2. Such relief is to become effective for services rendered on and after March 23, 1988, and remain in effect until such time as a final decision is reached in this matter.

3. The rates shall be collected upon a constant uniform cents per Mcf basis.

4. Interim revenues granted herein are subject to rebate should the final order in this Docket disapprove this interim revenue.

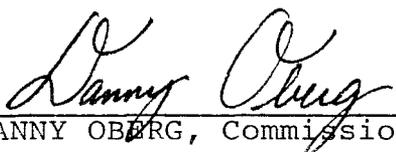
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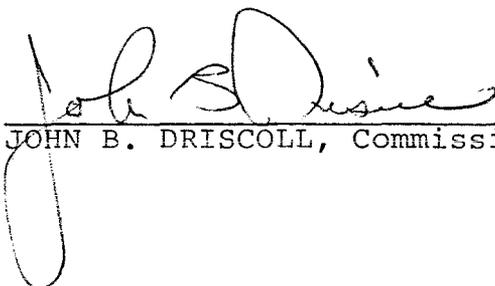
BY ORDER OF THE MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION


CLYDE JARVIS, Chairman

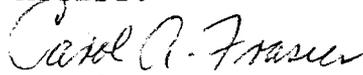

HOWARD L. ELLIS, Commissioner


TOM MONAHAN, Commissioner


DANNY OBERG, Commissioner


JOHN B. DRISCOLL, Commissioner

ATTEST:


Carol A. Frasier
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

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.