

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 CONSUMERS GAS COMPANY For) UTILITY DIVISION
Authority To Decrease Rates And) DOCKET NO. 87.7.41
Charges For Natural Gas Service) ORDER NO. 5285a
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FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Consumers 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. 86.11.62 (10)

2. On July 27, 1987, the Commission's Interim Order No. 5269a granted the Company a natural gas rate decrease.

3. On February 19, 1988, the Commission adopted Order No. 5269b that made Interim Order No. 5269a a final order.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Consumers 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.