

Service Date: September 14, 1988

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE REGULATION
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

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IN THE MATTER of Hot Springs)	UTILITY DIVISION
Telephone Company)	
Notice of new rates for Local)	DOCKET NO. 88.6.17
Subscribers.)	ORDER NO. 5357

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FINAL ORDER

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BACKGROUND

On June 16, 1988, Hot Springs Telephone Company filed a notice of new local service rates to become effective September 1, 1988. This filing was made pursuant to §§ 69-3-901, et seq., MCA, which allow rates of small telecommunications providers to go into effect 60 days after notice, without Commission review, if the provisions of Part 9 are satisfied and no hearing is requested.

Pursuant to § 69-3-907, MCA, the Commission has certified to Hot Springs Telephone that the Commission has not received petitions containing signatures from at least 10 percent of the

affected customers in a rate category or a petition for review from the Montana Consumer Counsel, and notified Hot Springs Telephone that, pursuant to § 69-3-907, MCA, the rate change becomes effective on September 1, 1988, without Commission review.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Hot Springs Telephone Company is a public utility offering regulated telecommunications service in Montana. §§ 69-3-101 and 69-3-803(3), MCA.

2. Hot Springs Telephone Company has complied with the notice requirements of § 69-3-903, MCA. The Company has filed tariffs with the Commission reflecting the new rates.

3. The Commission has not received petitions requesting review from at least 10 percent of the affected customers in a rate category or from the Montana Consumer Counsel, and the commission has therefore not reviewed the proposed rates. § 69-3-904, MCA.

ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the proposed rate change as published in the Notice became effective on September 1, 1988, as provided by the Notice of Commission Action dated August 29, 1988,

and by operation of law. The effective rates for local service of Hot Springs Telephone may not be increased for a period of six months from September 1, 1988, except as ordered by the Commission.

Done and Dated this 12th day of September, 1988 by a 5-0 vote.

BY ORDER OF THE MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

CLYDE JARVIS, Chairman

JOHN B. DRISCOLL, Commissioner

HOWARD L. ELLIS, Commissioner

TOM MONAHAN, Commissioner

DANNY OBERG, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Carol 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 ARM 38.2.4806.