

Service Date: March 26, 1990

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 GREAT FALLS GAS COMPANY for)	UTILITY DIVISION
Authority to Decrease the)	DOCKET NO. 90.2.13
Surcharge Applicable to its No)	DEFAULT ORDER NO. 5466
Interest Loan Program)	
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FINDINGS OF FACT

1. On February 8, 1990, Great Falls Gas Company (Applicant) applied for an order authorizing a decrease in the surcharge applicable to its No Interest Loan Program. The application sought authority to lower the rate from .0432 to \$.0258.

2. Workpapers filed with the application indicate that the proposed rate in conjunction with the anticipated tax credit will be adequate to recover the accumulation in the balancing account on an annual basis.

3. The current surcharge is higher than necessary to recover the balance of the No Interest Loan balancing account on an annual basis.

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. The rate levels approved herein are just and reasonable.

ORDER

1. Applicant is hereby granted a reduction in the surcharge to the proposed level of \$.0258 per Mcf.

2. These rates shall become effective for services rendered on and after March 26, 1990.

3. The rates will be collected on a constant uniform cents per Mcf basis.

DONE IN OPEN SESSION at Helena, Montana, this 19th day of March, 1990, by a vote of 5 - 0.

BY ORDER OF THE MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

CLYDE JARVIS, Chairman

HOWARD L. ELLIS, Commissioner

WALLACE W. "WALLY" MERCER, Commissioner

DANNY OBERG, Commissioner

JOHN B. DRISCOLL, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Ann Peck
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.