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

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IN THE MATTER OF AT&T's)	UTILITY DIVISION
APPLICATION TO INCREASE CHARGES)	DOCKET NO. 90.3.24
FOR OPERATOR CONFERENCE SERVICE.)	INTERIM ORDER 5478
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On March 20, 1990, AT&T (Company) filed an application requesting an increase in Operator Conference Service charges, with the Montana Public Service Commission (PSC or Commission). This service provides conference calls between three or more locations wholly within Montana. AT&T is proposing to increase Operator Conference Service from \$3.50 to \$6.00 per conference call.

Having considered the application and documentation furnished by AT&T, the Commission makes the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. On April 25, 1990, the Commission issued a Notice of Opportunity for Public Hearing. The notice was served on the Montana Consumer Counsel, AT&T, U S West Communications, Montana Telephone Association, General Telephone NW, Inc., Northwestern Telephone Systems, Inc., Department of Administration, and was published in the Billings Gazette on April 29, the Bozeman Daily Chronicle on April 29, the Montana Standard on May 1, the Great Falls Tribune on April 29, the Havre Daily News on April 30, the Independent Record on May 2, the Daily InterLake on May 3, the Livingston Enterprise on April

27, the Miles City Star on April 27, and the Missoulian on April 30.

The notice stated that if no requests for a public hearing were received by May 30, 1990, an appropriate order could be issued.

2. No protests or requests for public hearing were received and no hearing was scheduled. Therefore, the Commission approves AT&T's tariff filing on an interim basis. However, interim approval of this tariff filing should not be construed as Commission approval of the embedded cost study accompanying this filing.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. AT&T furnishes regulated telecommunications services within the State of Montana and is a public utility under the regulatory jurisdiction of the Montana Public Service Commission. Section 69-3-101, MCA. The Commission has the authority to supervise, regulate, and control public utilities. Section 69-3-102, MCA.

2. The Commission has provided adequate public notice and an opportunity to be heard herein, pursuant to the Montana Administrative Procedure Act and Title 69, MCA.

3. The Commission may, in its discretion, temporarily approve rate increases pending a hearing or final decision, subject to rebate. Section 69-3-304, MCA.

ORDER

1. AT&T's request for authorization to increase its tariffed rate for Operator Handled Conference Service from \$3.50 to \$6.00 is hereby APPROVED on an interim basis, as filed.

2. This docket shall be consolidated in the next AT&T general rate case.

DONE IN OPEN SESSION at Helena, Montana, this 5th day of June, 1990, by a 3 - 0 vote.

BY ORDER OF THE MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

CLYDE JARVIS, Chairman

HOWARD L. ELLIS, Commissioner

DANNY OBERG, 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.