

Service Date: October 17, 1991

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

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IN THE MATTER of Montana) DOCKET NO. 91.8.31
Power Company's August 29,)
1991, Electric Utility Rate) ORDER NO. 5566a
Change.)
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AMENDED FINAL ORDER

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. On August 26, 1991, the Commission issued Order No. 5566 in Docket No. 91.8.31. That order set forth several rate changes which were consolidated in order to avoid customer confusion. Two of the line items in Finding of Fact No. 2, in Order No. 5566 were changed by subsequent Commission orders.

2. On October 16, 1991, the Commission issued Order No. 5484m, which was the second amended final order in Docket No. 90.6.39. That order found that dues paid by Montana Power Company to the Western Environmental Trade Association (WETA) should not be reflected in rates, and that MPC's electric revenue requirement should be reduced by \$4,410. As a result, the amount shown in Finding of Fact No. 2, in Order No. 5566 on the line entitled: 90.6.39 Remainder of Final Order Increase \$11,187,395, should be modified to be \$11,182,985.

3. On October 16, 1991, the Commission issued Order No. 5465e which amended Final Order No. 5465d in Docket No. 90.3.17. That order found that Montana Power Company was entitled to an additional \$359,794 of QF costs associated with the Montana One Project. As a result, the amount shown in Finding of Fact No. 2, in Order No. 5566 on the line entitled: 90.3.17 Amort. of QF Unreflected Costs \$3,783,622, should be modified to be \$4,143,416. As a result of the two changes noted above in Findings of Fact 2 & 3, the amount shown in Finding of Fact No. 2, in Order No. 5566 on the line entitled: Estimated Change to Rates 8/29/91 \$4,942,715,

should be modified to be \$5,298,099.

4. MPC shall accrue interest at the rate of 12.1 percent on the rate changes approved in Order Nos. 5484m, and 5465e from October 16, 1991, to November 1, 1991. It is anticipated that the interest will be fully amortized, and consequently excluded from rates by August 29, 1992.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Applicant, Montana Power Company, provides electric service within the State of Montana and as such 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 rates and operations pursuant to Title 69, Chapter 3, MCA.

ORDER

1. The applicant shall defer implementing the net increase in electric revenues to which it is entitled and which is shown in Findings of Fact 2 & 3 above, from October 16, 1991, until November 1, 1991.

2. The applicant shall account for the actual foregone revenue increase, including interest at 12.1 percent per annum, and shall add the actual foregone revenues to the amounts to which it is entitled by Commission orders.

DONE IN OPEN SESSION at Helena, Montana, this 16th day of October, 1991, by 4 - 0, 1 abstaining vote.

BY ORDER OF THE MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

HOWARD L. ELLIS, Chairman

DANNY OBERG, Vice Chairman

BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner
Abstaining

JOHN B. DRISCOLL, Commissioner

WALLACE W. "WALLY" MERCER, 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.