

Service Date: Aug. 24, 1992

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)	UTILITY DIVISION
to Issue two series of)	
Industrial Development Revenue)	DOCKET NO. 92.8.43
Bonds in the amount of)	
\$3,500,000.)	DEFAULT ORDER NO. 5643
_____)	

On August 12, 1992, Great Falls Gas (GFG, Company), filed with the Montana Public Service Commission its verified application, pursuant to Sections 69-3-501 through 69-3-507, MCA, requesting an order authorizing the Company with Cascade County to issue and sell, two series of Industrial Development Revenue Bonds in the amount of \$3,500,000. Series 1992 A for \$1,700,000 and Series 1992 B for \$1,800,000.

The proceeds from the sale of these Industrial Development Revenue Bonds shall be used to acquire property, to construct and extend its facilities to Fox Valley and the Town of Ulm, and to defease three existing series of Industrial Development Revenue Bonds issued by the City of Great Falls in 1979 and 1982. The refinanced debt will carry a lower total cost.

For detailed information with respect to the general character of the Company's business and the territories served by it, reference is made to its annual reports on file with the Commission.

At a regular open session of the Montana Public Service Commission held in its offices at 1701 Prospect Avenue, Helena, Montana, on August 24, 1992, there came before the Commission for final action the matters and things in Docket No. 92.8.43, and the Commission, having fully considered the amended application and all the data and records pertaining to it on file with the Commission and being fully advised in the premises, makes the following:

FINDINGS

1.The Company is a corporation organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State of Montana and is qualified to transact business in the State of Montana.

2.The Company is operating as a public utility as defined in Section 69-3-101, MCA, and is engaged in furnishing natural gas service in Montana.

3.The Commission has jurisdiction over the subject matter of the application under Sections 69-3-501 through 69-3-507, MCA.

4.Securities to be issued consist of two series of Industrial Development Revenue Bonds to be issued by the Company in an amount not to exceed \$3,500,000.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1.The proposed issuance of Industrial Development Revenue Bonds will be for lawful objects within the corporate purposes of Great Falls Gas Company.

2.The aggregate amount of the Company's securities outstanding and proposed to be outstanding will not exceed the fair value of the properties and business of Great Falls Gas Company.

ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Commission that:

1.The application of Great Falls Gas Company filed on August 12, 1992, for authority to issue \$3,500,000 of Industrial Development Revenue Bonds, pursuant to Sections 69-3-501 through 69-3-507, MCA, and to use the proceeds for normal utility purposes, is approved.

2.Great Falls Gas Company shall file with this Commission as promptly as practicable after the sale of the Industrial Development Revenue Bonds, a report on the interest rate and all other details of the sale.

3.Great Falls Gas Company shall file with this Commission

as promptly as practicable after the construction is completed, the cost of the construction and the number of new customers attached to the system.

4. Issuance of this Order does not constitute the acceptance of Great Falls Gas Company's exhibits or other material accompanying the application for any purpose other than the issuance of this Order.

5. Approval of the transaction authorized shall not be construed as precedent to prejudice any future action of this Commission.

6. Section 69-3-507, MCA, provides that neither the issuance of securities by Great Falls Gas Company pursuant to the provisions of this Order, nor any other act or deed done or performed in connection with the issuance, shall be construed to obligate the State of Montana to pay or guarantee in any manner whatsoever any security authorized, issued, assumed or guaranteed.

7. This Order shall be effective upon execution.

DONE IN OPEN SESSION at Helena, Montana, this 24th day of August, 1992, by a vote of 5 - 0.

BY ORDER OF THE MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

DANNY OBERG, Chairman

WALLACE W. "WALLY" MERCER, Vice Chairman

BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

JOHN B. DRISCOLL, Commissioner

TED C. MACY, Commissioner