

Service Date: Oct. 29, 1992

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

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IN THE MATTER Of Ronan Telephone) UTILITY DIVISION
Company's Proposal to Increase)
Telephone Rates Pursuant to Secs.) DOCKET NO. 92.8.46
69-3-901 et seq., MCA.) ORDER NO. 5658

FINAL ORDER

BACKGROUND

1. On August 25, 1992 Ronan Telephone Company (Company) filed a notice of new local service rates to become effective following the notice period required by law. This filing was made pursuant to Secs. 69-3-901 et seq., MCA, which allow rates of "small telecommunications providers" to go into effect 60 days after notice, without Public Service Commission (Commission) review, if the provisions of Part 9 are satisfied and no hearing is requested.

2. Pursuant to Sec. 69-3-907, MCA, the Commission hereby certifies to Ronan 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.

3. Pursuant to Sec. 69-3-907, MCA, the Commission hereby notifies the Company that the proposed new rates will become effective November 1, 1992 without Commission review.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

4. Ronan Telephone Company is a public utility offering regulated telecommunications service in Montana. Secs. 69-3-101 and 69-3-803(3), MCA.

5. Ronan Telephone Company has complied with the notice requirements of Sec. 69-3-903, MCA. The Company has filed proposed tariffs with the Commission reflecting the new rates.

6. 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 not reviewed the proposed rates. Sec. 69-3-904, MCA.

ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the proposed rate changes as contained in the Notice become effective on November 1, 1992, by operation of law. The effective rates for local service of Ronan Telephone may not be increased for a period of six months from November 1, 1992, except as ordered by the Commission.

Done and Dated this 26th day of October, 1992 by a vote of 4-0.

BY ORDER OF THE MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

DANNY OBERG, Chairman
BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner
JOHN B. DRISCOLL, Commissioner
TED C. MACY, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

NOTE: Any interested party may request the Commission to reconsider this decision. A motion to reconsider must be filed within ten (10) days. See 38.2.4806, ARM.