

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) UTILITY DIVISION
Of The City of Roundup To Increase) DOCKET NO. 93.2.5
Rates And Charges For Sewer Service) ORDER NO. 5690
In Its Roundup, Montana Service Area.)

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DEFAULT ORDER GRANTING SEWER RATE INCREASE APPLICATION

BACKGROUND

1. On February 4, 1993, the City of Roundup (Applicant) filed a petition with the Montana Public Service Commission (PSC) pursuant to Sections 69-7-101 et seq., MCA, for an order authorizing the Applicant to increase sewer rates in its Roundup, Montana service area. This increase will provide revenues to defray increased costs of operation and maintenance. The rate increase will generate approximately \$15,907 in additional annual revenues, or an increase of 70% in total annual revenues from sewer rates.

2. On February 5, 1993, the PSC issued a Notice of Opportunity For Public Hearing. A provision in that notice stated, "If no hearing is requested by March 1, 1993, no hearing will be held and an appropriate order may be issued based upon evidence submitted with the Application."

3. The PSC has received no protest or request for hearing.

FINDINGS OF FACT

4. On January 5, 1993, the City Council of the City of Roundup passed a resolution to request PSC approval of the proposed rates.

5. The City needs additional revenue to meet operation and maintenance expenses.

6. The proposed rates will increase annual revenues by approximately \$15,907, or an increase of 70% in total annual revenues from sewer rates.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Applicant, the City of Roundup, is a public utility

as defined in Section 69-3-101, MCA. The Montana Public Service Commission properly exercises jurisdiction over municipal utility rate increase Applications in excess of 12% in total annual revenues. Section 69-7-102, MCA.

2. The PSC has provided adequate public notice and an opportunity to be heard as required by Section 69-3-303, MCA, and Title 2, Chapter 4, MCA (Montana Administrative Procedures Act).

3. The rates and rate structure in this order are just and reasonable. Sections 69-3-201 and 69-3-330, MCA.

ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

1. The rates as filed by the Applicant with its Application are authorized.

2. The rates shall be effective for service rendered on and after March 8, 1993.

DONE IN OPEN SESSION at Helena, Montana on this 8th day of March, 1993, by a 5-0 vote.

BY THE ORDER OF THE MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

BOB ANDERSON, Chairman
BOB ROWE, Vice Chairman
DAVE FISHER, Commissioner
NANCY McCAFFREE, Commissioner
DANNY OBERG, Commissioner

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. •