

Service Date: December 5, 2000

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 Cut)	UTILITY DIVISION
Bank Gas Company for Authority to Decrease)	
Charges for Natural Gas Service)	DOCKET NO. D2000.11.199
)	ORDER NO. 6306
)	

FINAL ORDER

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Cut Bank Gas Company (Applicant) applied to this Commission for an order authorizing a decrease in the rates Applicant charges for natural gas service. The application sought authority to decrease rates in order to reflect decreased gas costs resulting from Montana Power Company's (MPC) third semi-annual true-up advice letter pursuant to Order No. 6035a.
2. On September 25, 2000, the Commission approved the true-up adjustments to the Fixed Transition Amount charges effective October 1, 2000.
3. The third semi-annual true up advice letter resulted in lower purchased gas costs to Applicant.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Applicant 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 operations pursuant to Title 69, Chapter 3, MCA.

ORDER

1. Applicant is hereby granted authorization to reduce rates reflecting Findings of Fact in this order.
2. Such rates are to become effective for services rendered on and after December 5, 2000, and remain in effect until such time as this order is superceded.
3. The rates shall be collected upon a constant uniform cents per Mcf basis.

DONE IN WORK SESSION at Helena, Montana, this 4th day of December by a 5-0 vote.

BY ORDER OF THE MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

DAVE FISHER, Chairman

NANCY MCCAFFREE, Vice Chair

BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

GARY FELAND, Commissioner

BOB ROWE, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Kathy Anderson
Commission Secretary

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