

Service Date: September 23, 2003

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) UTILITY DIVISION
the MONTANA POWER COMPANY for)
Authority to Increase Rates for Electric and) DOCKET NO. D2000.8.113
Gas Service)
ORDER NO. 6271e

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BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

1. On May 9, 2001, the Montana Public Service Commission Issued Final Order No. 6271c, In the Matter of the Application of the Montana Power Company for Authority to Increase Rates for Electric and Gas Service, Docket D2000.8.113. A computation error has been discovered at page 19, paragraph 85 of that Order. The paragraph, corrected in legislative format, reads as follows:

Type of Capital	Amount	Percent Capitalization	Rate	Rate of Return
Long Term Debt	\$249,406	42.17%	6.46%	2.59% <u>2.72%</u>
QUIPS	48,815	7.86%	8.54%	0.67%
Preferred Stock	43,298	6.97%	6.40%	0.45%
Common Equity	<u>279,424</u>	<u>43.00%</u>	10.75%	<u>4.62%</u>
	\$620,943	100.00%		8.46%

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

2. The Commission Adopts the Conclusions of Law at Order No. 6271c.

ORDER

3. Order No. 6271c, page 19, paragraph 85, is corrected as indicated at paragraph 1, above. This correction has no impact on the accuracy or lawfulness of rates filed in compliance

with Order No. 6271c. The "Errata Notice" issued September 9, 2003 in this docket is retracted and should be disregarded.

By ORDER OF THE MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

BOB ROWE, Chairman

THOMAS J. SCHNEIDER, Vice Chairman

GREG JERGESON, Commissioner

JAY STOVALL, Commissioner

MATT BRAINARD, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Connie Jones
Commission Secretary

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NOTE: There is no reconsideration of the granting of a protective order. There is a procedure to challenge the provider's claim of confidentiality. See ARM 38.2.5008.