

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 Increase)
Charges for Natural Gas Service) DOCKET NO. D2001.2.16
) INTERIM ORDER NO. 6321
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INTERIM ORDER

Findings of Fact

1. On January 29, 2001, Commission Order No. 6318a granted Montana Power Company (MPC) an interim natural gas rate increase and authorized the increase to be flowed through to Cut Bank Gas Company (CBG).
2. CBG requested authority to increase rates to its' customers in order to reflect all cost increases granted to the MPC in Order 6318a.
3. Order No. 6318a results in higher purchased gas costs to CBG.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. CBG is a "public utility" within the meaning of Section 69-3-101, MCA.
2. The Montana Public Service Commission properly exercises jurisdiction over the CBG's Montana operations pursuant to Title 69, Chapter 3, MCA.

ORDER

1. CBG is hereby granted relief reflecting Findings of Fact in this order.
2. Such relief is to become effective for services rendered on and after February 1, 2001 and remain in effect until such time as this order is superceded.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.

APPROVED IN OPEN SESSION at Helena, Montana, this 29th day of January, by a 5-0 vote.

BY ORDER OF THE MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

GARY FELAND, Chairman

JAY STOVALL, Vice Chairman

BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

MATT BRAINARD, Commissioner

BOB ROWE, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Rhonda J. Simmons
Commission Secretary

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