

Service Date: August 8, 2001

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

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IN THE MATTER OF FIVE VALLEYS GAS CO.,)	UTILITY DIVISION
Application for Approval of a Transfer of Ownership)	
to Energy Partners, LLC.)	DOCKET NO. D2001.5.59
)	ORDER NO. 6360

PROCEDURAL ORDER

1. The Montana Consumer Counsel (MCC) has intervened in this Five Valleys Gas Co. (FVG) matter and has requested a hearing. The PSC, itself or through delegation to PSC staff, hereby establishes an abbreviated prehearing procedure. Any request for reconsideration of this Order must be submitted to the PSC within 10 days of the service date above. A request for reconsideration will be scheduled for the PSC's next available business meeting following the request and the parties will be informed of the action taken. This Order is effective immediately and remains effective unless and until modified by action of the PSC.

Schedule

2. The following procedural schedule is abbreviated. The PSC or its staff anticipates that a full procedural schedule is likely not going to be necessary in this proceeding. Any party disagreeing may request reconsideration of this order. All dates listed in the following schedule are receipt dates (filing and service) unless otherwise specified.

- (a) August 21, 2001: Final day for written discovery (includes data requests) to utility on utility's application.
- (b) August 30, 2001: Final day for utility to respond to discovery on utility's application.
- (c) September 11, 2001: final date for MCC to advise the PSC whether it intends to support or oppose the matter and final date for MCC and FVG to advise the PSC whether a hearing remains necessary and whether additional prehearing procedures are necessary. (Please note that the PSC may require a hearing on its own motion.)

Done and dated this 6th day of August 2001, by delegation to PSC staff as an Order of the PSC.

BY THE MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

GARY FELAND, Chairman
JAY STOVALL, Vice Chairman
BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner
MATT BRAINARD, Commissioner
BOB ROWE, Commissioner

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.