

Service Date: May 31, 1996

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

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IN THE MATTER of the MONTANA POWER)	
COMPANY ' s Request for an Accounting Order)	UTILITY DIVISION
to Accumulate CNG and Moulton Revenues and)	DOCKET NO. D95.9.128
Continue to Reflect Shoshone Capital Investment)	ORDER NO. 5865f
Through the GTAC Mechanism.)	

Accounting Order
Findings of Fact

On March 20, 1996, at a duly scheduled work session the Montana Public Service Commission (Commission) moved the Shoshone, Compressed Natural Gas (CNG), and Moulton issues (deferred issues) to Docket No. D96.2.22. The Commission finds that:

1. The Montana Power Company (MPC or Company) shall accumulate the revenues associated with the CNG and Moulton deferred issues that would have otherwise been collected from the date of the Final Order in Docket No. D95.9.128.
2. The Company shall continued to reflect treatment of the capital investment related to the Shoshone deferred issue through the Gas Transportation Adjustment Clause (GTAC), as approved pursuant to Docket No. 92.11.64, Final Order No. 5667a.
3. These same deferred issues will be addressed in Docket No. D96.2.22 as part of the updated revenue requirement information.
4. Approval of the recovery of the accumulated revenues in rates will be addressed in subsequent orders in Docket No. D96.2.22.

Conclusions of Law

1. MPC furnishes electric and natural gas service for consumers in the State of Montana and is a public utility under regulatory jurisdiction of the Montana Public Service Commission. Section 69-3-101, MCA.

2. The Montana Public Service Commission properly exercises jurisdiction over Montana Power Company's rates and operations. Section 69-3-102, MCA, and Title 69, Chapter 3, Part 3, MCA.

Order

THE MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION ORDERS THE FOLLOWING:

1. MPC is granted authority to implement the proposed accounting procedure which will accumulate revenues associated with the CNG and Moulton deferred issues from Docket No. D95.9.128.

2. MPC is granted authority to continue to reflect treatment of the capital investment related to the Shoshone deferred issue through the GTAC mechanism, pursuant to previous Commission orders.

3. MPC is granted authority to accumulate revenues associated with CNG and Moulton as of July 1, 1996, the date of the Final Order in Docket No. D95.9.128. Approval of the recovery of any accumulated revenues in rates will be addressed in subsequent orders in Docket No. D96.2.22.

DONE AND DATED this 28th day of May, 1996, by a vote of 5 - 0.

BY ORDER OF THE MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

NANCY McCaffree, Chair

DAVE FISHER, Vice Chair

BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

DANNY OBERG, Commissioner

BOB ROWE, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

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.