

Service Date: December 11, 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 Application)
Of Cut Bank Gas Company For) UTILITY DIVISION
Authority To Decrease Charges For) DOCKET NO. D96.11.204
Natural Gas Service.) FINAL ORDER NO. 5960

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FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Cut Bank Gas Company 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 all cost resulting from a rate decrease granted The Montana Power Company (Company) in Docket No. D96.2.22.

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. Rates approved in this Order are effective for service rendered on and after December 2, 1996.

DONE IN OPEN SESSION at Helena, Montana this 2nd day of December, 1996, by a 5 - 0 vote.

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

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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.