

Service Date: December 18, 2003

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

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IN THE MATTER OF TREELINE SPRINGS)	UTILITY DIVISION
LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, Application)	
for Approval of Initial Rates for Water and)	DOCKET NO. D98.12.289
Wastewater Services)	ORDER NO. 6142a

FINAL ORDER

On December 11, 1998, Treeline Springs LLC (Treeline Springs), provider of water and waste water service at Moonlight Basin Ranch developments in the Big Sky, Montana, area, filed before the Public Service Commission (PSC) an application for approval of initial rates for water and waste water services. The initial rates, \$15 per month for water service and \$10 per month for waste water services, were approved by the PSC on February 3, 1999, on an interim basis pending development of a Treeline Springs test-year basis for rates.

On April 11, 2003, Treeline Springs filed before the PSC an application for final approval of rates, modified in accordance with established test-year data. Treeline Springs states that it has developed appropriate cost-of-service based rates and proposes such rates in the amount of \$30 per month for water service and \$20 per month for waste water services.

On September 22, 2003, the PSC publicly noticed Treeline Springs' application for approval of final rates. No person intervened or filed comments in response to the notice. The PSC has considered Treeline Springs' application for final rates and determines the rates are just and reasonable in accordance with the information submitted by Treeline Springs and should be approved. The change in rates is effective for services rendered on and after January 1, 2004. Prior to the effective date Treeline Springs shall file tariffs with the PSC reflecting the change in rates approved in this order.

Done and dated this 13th day of November, 2003, by a vote of 5-0.

BY ORDER OF THE MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

BOB ROWE, Chairman

THOMAS J. SCHNEIDER, Vice-Chairman

MATT BRAINARD, Commissioner

GREG JERGESON, Commissioner

JAY STOVALL, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Connie Jones
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

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.