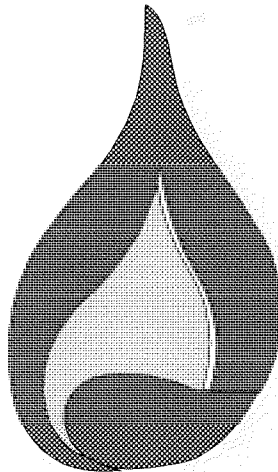


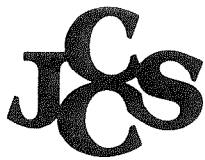
Year Ended June 30, 2000

ANNUAL REPORT
OF
Cut Bank Gas Company

GAS UTILITY



TO THE
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
STATE OF MONTANA
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October 6, 2000

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P.O. Box 202601
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RE: Cut Bank Gas Company

Dear Ms. Waples:

Enclosed please find a copy of the Annual report of Cut Bank Gas Company for the year ended June 30, 2000.

If you have any questions concerning this report, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

Sincerely,

Junkermier, Clark, Campanella, Stevens, P.C.

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Instructions

General

1. A Microsoft EXCEL 97 workbook of the annual report is being provided on computer disk for your convenience. The workbook contains the schedules of the annual report. Each schedule is on the worksheet named that schedule. For example, Schedule 1 is on the sheet titled "Schedule 1". By entering your company name in the cell named "Company" of the first worksheet, the spreadsheet will put your company name on all the worksheets in the workbook. The same is true for inputting the year of the report in the cell named "YEAR". You can "GOTO" the proper cell by using the F5 key and selecting the name of the cell.
2. The workbook contains input sections that are unprotected, and non-input sections that are protected. Cell protection can be disabled or enabled through "TOOLS – PROTECTION – UNPROTECT SHEET" on your toolbar. Formulas and checks are built into most of the templates.
3. Use of the disk is optional. The disk and the report cover shall be returned when the report is filed. There are macros built into the workbook to assist you with the report. An explanation of the macros is on the "Control" worksheet at the front of the workbook. The explanations start at cell A1.
4. All forms must be filled out in permanent ink and be legible. Note: Even if the computer disk is used, a printed version of the report shall be filed. The orientation and margins are set up on each individual worksheet and should print on one page. If you elect not to use the disk, please format your reports to fit on one 8.5" by 11" page with the left binding edge (top if landscaped) set at .85", the right edge (bottom if landscaped) set at .4", and the remaining two margins at .5". You may select specific schedules to print – See the worksheet "CONTROL".
5. Indicate negative amounts (such as decreases) by enclosing the figures in parentheses ().
6. Where space is a consideration, information on financial schedules may be rounded to thousands of dollars. Companies submitting schedules rounded to thousands shall so indicate at the top of the schedule.
7. Where more space is needed or more than one schedule is needed additional schedules may be attached and shall be included directly behind the original schedule to which it pertains and be labeled accordingly (for example, Schedule 1A).
8. The information required with respect to any statement shall be furnished as a minimum requirement to which shall be added such further information as is necessary to make the required schedules not misleading.

9. All companies owned by another company shall attach a corporate structure chart of the holding company.
10. Schedules that have no activity during the year or are not applicable to the respondent shall be marked as not applicable and submitted with the report.
11. The following schedules shall be filled out with information on a total company basis:

Schedules 1 through 5
Schedules 6 and 7
Schedule 14
Schedule 17 and 18
Schedules 23 through 26
Schedule 33

All other schedules shall be filled out with either Montana specific data, or both total company and Montana specific data, as indicated in the schedule titles and headings.

Financial schedules shall include all amounts originating in Montana or allocated to Montana from other jurisdictions.

12. For schedules where information may be provided using Mcf or Dkt, circle Mcf or Dkt to indicate which measurement is being reported. (For example, schedules 28, 32, 33 and 34).
13. FERC Form-2 sheets may not be substituted in lieu of completing annual report schedules.
14. Common sense must be used when filling out all schedules.

Specific Instructions

Schedules 6 and 7

1. All transactions with affiliated companies shall be reported. The definition of affiliated companies as set out in 18 C.F.R. Part 201 shall be used.
2. Column (c). Respondents shall indicate in column (c) the method used to determine the price. Respondents shall indicate if a contract is in place between the Affiliate and the Utility. If a contract is in place, respondents shall indicate the year the contract was initiated, the term of the contract and the method used to determine the contract price.
3. Column (c). If the method used to determine the price is different than the previous year, respondents shall provide an explanation, including the reason for the change.

Schedules 8, 18, and 23

1. Include all notes to the financial statements required by the FERC or included in the financial statements issued as audited financial statements. These notes shall be included in the report directly behind the schedules and shall be labeled appropriately (Schedule 8A, etc.).

Schedule 12

1. Respondents shall disclose all payments made during the year for services where the aggregate payment to the recipient was \$5,000 or more. Utilities having jurisdictional revenue equal to or in excess of \$1,000,000 shall report aggregate payments of \$25,000 or more. Utilities having jurisdictional revenue equal to or in excess of \$10,000,000 shall report aggregate payments of \$75,000 or more. Payments must include fees, retainers, commissions, gifts, contributions, assessments, bonuses, subscriptions, allowances for expenses or any other form of payment for services or as a donation.

Schedule 14

1. Companies with more than one plan (for example, both a retirement plan and a deferred savings plan) shall complete a schedule for each plan.
2. Companies with defined benefit plans must complete the entire form using FASB 87 and 132 guidelines.
3. Interest rate percentages shall be listed to two decimal places.

Schedule 15

1. All changes in the employee benefit plans shall be explained in a narrative on lines 15 and 16. All cost containment measures implemented in the reporting year shall be explained and quantified in a narrative on lines 15 and 16. All assumptions used in quantifying cost containment results shall be disclosed.
2. Schedule 15 shall be filled out using FASB 106 and 132 guidelines.

Schedule 16

1. Include in the "other" column ALL additional forms of compensation, including, but not limited to: deferred compensation, deferred savings plan, profit sharing, supplemental or non-qualified retirement plan, employee stock ownership plan, restricted stock, stock options, stock appreciation rights, performance share awards, dividend equivalent shares, mortgage payments, use of company cars or car lease payments, tax preparation consulting, financial consulting, home security systems, company-paid physicals, subscriptions to periodicals, memberships, association or club dues, tuition reimbursement, employee discounts, and spouse travel.
2. The above compensation items shall be listed separately. Where more space is needed additional schedules may be attached directly behind the original schedule.

Schedule 17

1. Respondents shall provide all executive compensation information in conformance with that required by the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) (Regulation S-K Item 402, Executive Compensation).
2. Include in the "other" column ALL additional forms of compensation, including, but not limited to: deferred compensation, deferred savings plan, profit sharing, supplemental or non-qualified retirement plan, employee stock ownership plan, restricted stock, stock options, stock appreciation rights, performance share awards, dividend equivalent shares, mortgage payments, use of company cars or car lease payments, tax preparation consulting, financial consulting, home security systems, company-paid physicals, subscriptions to periodicals, memberships, association or club dues, tuition reimbursement, employee discounts, and spouse travel.
3. All items included in the "other" compensation column shall be listed separately. Where more space is needed additional schedules may be attached directly behind the original schedule.
4. In addition, respondents shall attach a copy of the executive compensation information provided to the SEC.

Schedule 24

1. Interest expense and debt issuance expense shall be included in the annual net cost column.

Schedule 26

1. Earnings per share and dividends per share shall be reported on a quarterly basis and entries shall be made only to the months that end the respective quarters (for example, March, June, September, and December.)
2. The retention and price/earnings ratios shall be calculated on a year end basis. Enter the actual year end market price in the "TOTAL Year End" row. If the computer disk is used, enter the year end market price in the "High" column.

Schedule 27

1. All entries to lines 9 or 16 must be detailed separately on an attached sheet.
2. Only companies who have specifically been authorized in a Commission Order to include cash working capital in ratebase may include cash working capital in lines 9 or 16. Cash working capital must be calculated using the methodology approved in the Commission Order. The Commission Order specifying cash working capital shall be noted on the attached sheet.
2. Indicate, for each adjustment on lines 28 through 46, if the amount is updated or is from the last rate case. All adjustments shall be calculated using Commission methodology.

Schedule 28

1. Information from this schedule is consolidated with information from other Utilities and reported to the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC). Your assistance in completing this schedule, even though information may be located in other areas of the annual report, expedites reporting to the NARUC and is appreciated.

Schedule 31

1. This schedule shall be completed for the year following the reporting year.
2. Respondents shall itemize projects of \$50,000 or more. Utilities having jurisdictional revenue equal to or in excess of \$1,000,000 shall itemize projects of \$100,000 or more. Utilities having jurisdictional revenue equal to or in excess of \$10,000,000 shall itemize projects of \$1,000,000 or more. All projects that are not itemized shall be reported in aggregate and labeled as Other.

Schedule 34

1. In addition to a description, the year the program was initiated and the projected life of the program shall be included in the program description column.
2. On an attached sheet, define program "participant" and program conservation "unit" for each program. Also, provide the number of program participants and the number of units acquired or processed during this reporting year.

IDENTIFICATION

Year: 2000

1.	Legal Name of Respondent:	Cut Bank Gas Company
2.	Name Under Which Respondent Does Business:	Cut Bank Gas Company
3.	Date Utility Service First Offered in Montana:	November 19, 1956
4.	Address to send Correspondence Concerning Report:	403 E. Main Cut Bank, MT 59427
5.	Person Responsible for This Report:	Daniel F. Whetstone
5a.	Telephone Number:	(406) 873-5531
Control Over Respondent		
1.	If direct control over the respondent was held by another entity at the end of year provide the following:	
	1a. Name and address of the controlling organization or person:	
	1b. Means by which control was held:	
	1c. Percent Ownership:	

SCHEDULE 2

Board of Directors			
Line No.	Name of Director and Address (City, State)		Remuneration
	(a)		
1	Daniel F. Whetstone	Cut Bank, Montana	None
2	James R. Dekaye	Cut Bank, Montana	6600
3	David F. Stufft	Cut Bank, Montana	3500
4	Ward F. Junkermier	Great Falls, Montana	3500
5	D. Jasen Whetstone	Cut Bank, Montana	3500
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Officers

Year: 2000

Line No.	Title of Officer (a)	Department Supervised (b)	Name (c)
1	President	All	Daniel F. Whetstone
2	Vice-President	None	James R. Dekaye
3	Secretary	None	David F. Stufft
4	Treasurer	None	Ward F. Junkermier
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CORPORATE STRUCTURE

Year: 2000

	Subsidiary/Company Name	Line of Business	Earnings	Percent of Total
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2	Not applicable, Cut Bank Gas Company has no affiliates.			
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Year: 2000

CORPORATE ALLOCATIONS

	Items Allocated	Classification	Allocation Method	\$ to MT Utility	MT %	\$ to Other
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2	Cut Bank Gas Company has no corporate allocations.					
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AFFILIATE TRANSACTIONS - PRODUCTS & SERVICES PROVIDED TO UTILITY Year: 2000

Line No.	(a) Affiliate Name	(b) Products & Services	(c) Method to Determine Price	(d) Charges to Utility	(e) % Total Affil. Revs.	(f) Charges to MT Utility
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2	Not applicable, Cut Bank Gas Company has no affiliates.					
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AFFILIATE TRANSACTIONS - PRODUCTS & SERVICES PROVIDED BY UTILITY

Year: 2000

Line No.	(a) Affiliate Name	(b) Products & Services	(c) Method to Determine Price	(d) Charges to Affiliate	(e) % Total Affil. Exp.	(f) Revenues to MT Utility
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MONTANA UTILITY INCOME STATEMENT

Year: 2000

	Account Number & Title	Last Year	This Year	% Change
1	400 Operating Revenues	1,084,916	1,196,932	10.32%
2				
3	Operating Expenses			
4	401 Operation Expenses	1,052,211	1,091,575	3.74%
5	402 Maintenance Expense	55,831	70,346	26.00%
6	403 Depreciation Expense	40,869	37,805	-7.50%
7	404-405 Amort. & Depl. of Gas Plant	-	-	
8	406 Amort. of Gas Plant Acquisition Adjustments	-	-	
9	407.1 Amort. of Property Losses, Unrecovered Plant			
10	& Regulatory Study Costs	-	-	
11	407.2 Amort. of Conversion Expense	-	-	
12	408.1 Taxes Other Than Income Taxes	49,388	49,028	-0.73%
13	409.1 Income Taxes - Federal	(6,549)	-	100.00%
14	- Other	(3,270)	(1,682)	48.56%
15	410.1 Provision for Deferred Income Taxes	-	-	
16	411.1 (Less) Provision for Def. Inc. Taxes - Cr.	(912)	(1,066)	-16.89%
17	411.4 Investment Tax Credit Adjustments	-	-	
18	411.6 (Less) Gains from Disposition of Utility Plant	-	-	
19	411.7 Losses from Disposition of Utility Plant	-	-	
20	TOTAL Utility Operating Expenses	1,187,568	1,246,006	4.92%
21	NET UTILITY OPERATING INCOME	(102,652)	(49,074)	52.19%

MONTANA REVENUES

SCHEDULE 9

	Account Number & Title	Last Year	This Year	% Change
1	Sales of Gas			
2	480 Residential	1,078,892	1,185,130	9.85%
3	481 Commercial & Industrial - Small	-	-	
4	Commercial & Industrial - Large	-	-	
5	482 Other Sales to Public Authorities	-	-	
6	484 Interdepartmental Sales	-	-	
7	485 Intracompany Transfers	-	-	
8	TOTAL Sales to Ultimate Consumers	1,078,892	1,185,130	9.85%
9	483 Sales for Resale	-	-	
10	TOTAL Sales of Gas	1,078,892	1,185,130	9.85%
11	Other Operating Revenues			
12	487 Forfeited Discounts & Late Payment Revenues	-	-	
13	488 Miscellaneous Service Revenues	336	1,577	369.35%
14	489 Revenues from Transp. of Gas for Others	-	-	
15	490 Sales of Products Extracted from Natural Gas	-	-	
16	491 Revenues from Nat. Gas Processed by Others	-	-	
17	492 Incidental Gasoline & Oil Sales	-	-	
18	493 Rent From Gas Property	-	-	
19	494 Interdepartmental Rents	-	-	
20	495 Other Gas Revenues (Schedule 9A)	5,688	10,225	79.76%
21	TOTAL Other Operating Revenues	6,024	11,802	95.92%
22	Total Gas Operating Revenues	1,084,916	1,196,932	10.32%
23				
24	496 (Less) Provision for Rate Refunds	-	-	
25				
26	TOTAL Oper. Revs. Net of Pro. for Refunds	1,084,916	1,196,932	10.32%

SCHEDULE 9A

**CUT BANK GAS CO.
SCHEDULE TO ATTACH TO PSC REPORT
JUNE 30, 2000**

LINE 20 SCH 9 OTHER GAS REVENUE

	LAST YEAR	THIS YEAR	% CHANGE
Interest Income	5,242	5,129	-2.16%
Patronage Dividend	57	164	187.72%
Gain on Sale of Fixed Assets	-	4,300	100.00%
Miscellaneous	389	632	62.47%
Totals	5,688	10,225	79.76%

MONTANA OPERATION & MAINTENANCE EXPENSES

Year: 2000

Account Number & Title		Last Year	This Year	% Change
1	Production Expenses			
2	Production & Gathering - Operation			
3	750 Operation Supervision & Engineering	20,618	19,956	-3.21%
4	751 Production Maps & Records	-	-	
5	752 Gas Wells Expenses	-	-	
6	753 Field Lines Expenses	-	-	
7	754 Field Compressor Station Expenses	8,021	7,648	-4.65%
8	755 Field Compressor Station Fuel & Power	-	-	
9	756 Field Measuring & Regulating Station Expense	-	-	
10	757 Purification Expenses	-	-	
11	758 Gas Well Royalties	4,630	4,858	4.92%
12	759 Other Expenses	-	-	
13	760 Rents	-	-	
14	Total Operation - Natural Gas Production	33,269	32,462	-2.43%
15	Production & Gathering - Maintenance			
16	761 Maintenance Supervision & Engineering	-	-	
17	762 Maintenance of Structures & Improvements	-	-	
18	763 Maintenance of Producing Gas Wells	11,593	11,539	-0.47%
19	764 Maintenance of Field Lines	663	653	-1.51%
20	765 Maintenance of Field Compressor Sta. Equip.	-	-	
21	766 Maintenance of Field Meas. & Reg. Sta. Equip.	-	-	
22	767 Maintenance of Purification Equipment	-	-	
23	768 Maintenance of Drilling & Cleaning Equip.	-	-	
24	769 Maintenance of Other Equipment	-	-	
25	Total Maintenance- Natural Gas Prod.	12,256	12,192	-0.52%
26	TOTAL Natural Gas Production & Gathering	45,525	44,654	-1.91%
27	Products Extraction - Operation			
28	770 Operation Supervision & Engineering	-	-	
29	771 Operation Labor	-	-	
30	772 Gas Shrinkage	-	-	
31	773 Fuel	-	-	
32	774 Power	-	-	
33	775 Materials	-	-	
34	776 Operation Supplies & Expenses	-	-	
35	777 Gas Processed by Others	-	-	
36	778 Royalties on Products Extracted	-	-	
37	779 Marketing Expenses	-	-	
38	780 Products Purchased for Resale	-	-	
39	781 Variation in Products Inventory	-	-	
40	782 (Less) Extracted Products Used by Utility - Cr.	-	-	
41	783 Rents	-	-	
42	Total Operation - Products Extraction	-	-	
43	Products Extraction - Maintenance			
44	784 Maintenance Supervision & Engineering	-	-	
45	785 Maintenance of Structures & Improvements	-	-	
46	786 Maintenance of Extraction & Refining Equip.	-	-	
47	787 Maintenance of Pipe Lines	-	-	
48	788 Maintenance of Extracted Prod. Storage Equip.	-	-	
49	789 Maintenance of Compressor Equipment	-	-	
50	790 Maintenance of Gas Meas. & Reg. Equip.	-	-	
51	791 Maintenance of Other Equipment	-	-	
52	Total Maintenance - Products Extraction	-	-	
53	TOTAL Products Extraction	-	-	

MONTANA OPERATION & MAINTENANCE EXPENSES

Year: 2000

Account Number & Title		Last Year	This Year	% Change
1	Production Expenses - continued			
2				
3	Exploration & Development - Operation			
4	795 Delay Rentals	-	-	
5	796 Nonproductive Well Drilling	-	-	
6	797 Abandoned Leases	-	-	
7	798 Other Exploration	-	-	
8	TOTAL Exploration & Development	-	-	
9				
10	Other Gas Supply Expenses - Operation			
11	800 Natural Gas Wellhead Purchases	-	-	
12	800.1 Nat. Gas Wellhead Purch., Intracomp. Trans.	-	-	
13	801 Natural Gas Field Line Purchases	1,804	2,416	33.92%
14	802 Natural Gas Gasoline Plant Outlet Purchases	-	-	
15	803 Natural Gas Transmission Line Purchases	-	-	
16	804 Natural Gas City Gate Purchases	572,660	603,210	5.33%
17	805 Other Gas Purchases	-	-	
18	805.1 Purchased Gas Cost Adjustments	-	-	
19	805.2 Incremental Gas Cost Adjustments	-	-	
20	806 Exchange Gas	-	-	
21	807.1 Well Expenses - Purchased Gas	-	-	
22	807.2 Operation of Purch. Gas Measuring Stations	-	-	
23	807.3 Maintenance of Purch. Gas Measuring Stations	-	-	
24	807.4 Purchased Gas Calculations Expenses	-	-	
25	807.5 Other Purchased Gas Expenses	-	-	
26	808.1 Gas Withdrawn from Storage -Dr.	-	-	
27	808.2 (Less) Gas Delivered to Storage -Cr.	-	-	
28	809.2 (Less) Deliveries of Nat. Gas for Processing-Cr.	-	-	
29	810 (Less) Gas Used for Compressor Sta. Fuel-Cr.	-	-	
30	811 (Less) Gas Used for Products Extraction-Cr.	-	-	
31	812 (Less) Gas Used for Other Utility Operations-Cr.	-	-	
32	813 Other Gas Supply Expenses	-	-	
33	TOTAL Other Gas Supply Expenses	574,464	605,626	5.42%
34				
35	TOTAL PRODUCTION EXPENSES	619,989	650,280	4.89%

MONTANA OPERATION & MAINTENANCE EXPENSES

Year: 2000

Account Number & Title		Last Year	This Year	% Change
1	Storage, Terminaling & Processing Expenses			
2				
3	Underground Storage Expenses - Operation			
4	814 Operation Supervision & Engineering	-	-	
5	815 Maps & Records	-	-	
6	816 Wells Expenses	-	-	
7	817 Lines Expenses	-	-	
8	818 Compressor Station Expenses	Cut Bank Gas Company has no expense		
9	819 Compressor Station Fuel & Power	of this nature on this page.		
10	820 Measuring & Reg. Station Expenses	-	-	
11	821 Purification Expenses	-	-	
12	822 Exploration & Development	-	-	
13	823 Gas Losses	-	-	
14	824 Other Expenses	-	-	
15	825 Storage Well Royalties	-	-	
16	826 Rents	-	-	
17	Total Operation - Underground Strg. Exp.	-	-	
18				
19	Underground Storage Expenses - Maintenance			
20	830 Maintenance Supervision & Engineering	-	-	
21	831 Maintenance of Structures & Improvements	-	-	
22	832 Maintenance of Reservoirs & Wells	-	-	
23	833 Maintenance of Lines	-	-	
24	834 Maintenance of Compressor Station Equip.	-	-	
25	835 Maintenance of Meas. & Reg. Sta. Equip.	-	-	
26	836 Maintenance of Purification Equipment	-	-	
27	837 Maintenance of Other Equipment	-	-	
28	Total Maintenance - Underground Storage	-	-	
29	TOTAL Underground Storage Expenses	-	-	
30				
31	Other Storage Expenses - Operation			
32	840 Operation Supervision & Engineering	-	-	
33	841 Operation Labor and Expenses	-	-	
34	842 Rents	-	-	
35	842.1 Fuel	-	-	
36	842.2 Power	-	-	
37	842.3 Gas Losses	-	-	
38	Total Operation - Other Storage Expenses	-	-	
39				
40	Other Storage Expenses - Maintenance			
41	843.1 Maintenance Supervision & Engineering	-	-	
42	843.2 Maintenance of Structures & Improvements	-	-	
43	843.3 Maintenance of Gas Holders	-	-	
44	843.4 Maintenance of Purification Equipment	-	-	
45	843.6 Maintenance of Vaporizing Equipment	-	-	
46	843.7 Maintenance of Compressor Equipment	-	-	
47	843.8 Maintenance of Measuring & Reg. Equipment	-	-	
48	843.9 Maintenance of Other Equipment	-	-	
49	Total Maintenance - Other Storage Exp.	-	-	
50	TOTAL - Other Storage Expenses	-	-	
51				
52	TOTAL - STORAGE, TERMINALING & PROC.	-	-	

MONTANA OPERATION & MAINTENANCE EXPENSES

Year: 2000

Account Number & Title		Last Year	This Year	% Change
1	Transmission Expenses			
2	Operation			
3	850 Operation Supervision & Engineering	-	-	
4	851 System Control & Load Dispatching	-	-	
5	852 Communications System Expenses	-	-	
6	853 Compressor Station Labor & Expenses	-	-	
7	854 Gas for Compressor Station Fuel	-	-	
8	855 Other Fuel & Power for Compressor Stations	-	-	
9	856 Mains Expenses	-	-	
10	857 Measuring & Regulating Station Expenses	-	-	
11	858 Transmission & Compression of Gas by Others	-	-	
12	859 Other Expenses	-	-	
13	860 Rents	-	-	
14	Total Operation - Transmission	-	-	
15	Maintenance			
16	861 Maintenance Supervision & Engineering	-	-	
17	862 Maintenance of Structures & Improvements	-	-	
18	863 Maintenance of Mains	-	-	
19	864 Maintenance of Compressor Station Equip.	-	-	
20	865 Maintenance of Measuring & Reg. Sta. Equip.	-	-	
21	866 Maintenance of Communication Equipment	-	-	
22	867 Maintenance of Other Equipment	-	-	
23	Total Maintenance - Transmission	-	-	
24	TOTAL Transmission Expenses	-	-	
25	Distribution Expenses			
26	Operation			
27	870 Operation Supervision & Engineering	15,618	11,497	-26.39%
28	871 Distribution Load Dispatching	-	-	
29	872 Compressor Station Labor and Expenses	-	-	
30	873 Compressor Station Fuel and Power	-	-	
31	874 Mains and Services Expenses	45,951	44,841	-2.42%
32	875 Measuring & Reg. Station Exp.-General	-	-	
33	876 Measuring & Reg. Station Exp.-Industrial	-	-	
34	877 Meas. & Reg. Station Exp.-City Gate Ck. Sta.	-	-	
35	878 Meter & House Regulator Expenses	29,837	23,224	-22.16%
36	879 Customer Installations Expenses	22,345	16,636	-25.55%
37	880 Other Expenses	2,400	2,013	-16.13%
38	881 Rents	-	-	
39	Total Operation - Distribution	116,151	98,211	-15.45%
40	Maintenance			
41	885 Maintenance Supervision & Engineering	-	-	
42	886 Maintenance of Structures & Improvements	-	-	
43	887 Maintenance of Mains	16,172	32,695	102.17%
44	888 Maint. of Compressor Station Equipment	-	-	
45	889 Maint. of Meas. & Reg. Station Exp.-General	-	-	
46	890 Maint. of Meas. & Reg. Sta. Exp.-Industrial	-	-	
47	891 Maint. of Meas. & Reg. Sta. Equip.-City Gate	-	-	
48	892 Maintenance of Services	-	-	
49	893 Maintenance of Meters & House Regulators	3,075	2,132	-30.67%
50	894 Maintenance of Other Equipment	-	-	
51	Total Maintenance - Distribution	19,247	34,827	80.95%
52	TOTAL Distribution Expenses	135,398	133,038	-1.74%

MONTANA OPERATION & MAINTENANCE EXPENSES

Account Number & Title		Last Year	This Year	% Change
1				
2	Customer Accounts Expenses			
3	Operation			
4	901 Supervision	-	-	
5	902 Meter Reading Expenses	18,534	19,954	7.66%
6	903 Customer Records & Collection Expenses	34,972	35,908	2.68%
7	904 Uncollectible Accounts Expenses	2,796	7,950	184.33%
8	905 Miscellaneous Customer Accounts Expenses	10,526	9,426	-10.45%
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10	TOTAL Customer Accounts Expenses	66,828	73,238	9.59%
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12	Customer Service & Informational Expenses			
13	Operation			
14	907 Supervision	-	-	
15	908 Customer Assistance Expenses	-	-	
16	909 Informational & Instructional Advertising Exp.	-	-	
17	910 Miscellaneous Customer Service & Info. Exp.	-	-	
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19	TOTAL Customer Service & Info. Expenses	-	-	
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21	Sales Expenses			
22	Operation			
23	911 Supervision	-	-	
24	912 Demonstrating & Selling Expenses	-	-	
25	913 Advertising Expenses	2,872	1,687	-41.26%
26	916 Miscellaneous Sales Expenses	-	-	
27				
28	TOTAL Sales Expenses	2,872	1,687	-41.26%
29				
30	Administrative & General Expenses			
31	Operation			
32	920 Administrative & General Salaries	79,196	83,060	4.88%
33	921 Office Supplies & Expenses	12,811	12,999	1.47%
34	922 (Less) Administrative Expenses Transferred - Cr.	-	-	
35	923 Outside Services Employed	38,128	38,013	-0.30%
36	924 Property Insurance	12,219	12,446	1.86%
37	925 Injuries & Damages	15,063	17,484	16.07%
38	926 Employee Pensions & Benefits	29,578	34,952	18.17%
39	927 Franchise Requirements	-	-	
40	928 Regulatory Commission Expenses	11,768	13,131	11.58%
41	929 (Less) Duplicate Charges - Cr.	-	-	
42	930.1 General Advertising Expenses	-	-	
43	930.2 Miscellaneous General Expenses (Sched. 10A)	42,740	46,626	9.09%
44	931 Rents	2,170	2,623	20.88%
45	933 Transportation	14,954	19,017	27.17%
46	TOTAL Operation - Admin. & General	258,627	280,351	8.40%
47	Maintenance			
48	935 Maintenance of General Plant	24,328	23,327	-4.11%
49				
50	TOTAL Administrative & General Expenses	282,955	303,678	7.32%
51	TOTAL OPERATION & MAINTENANCE EXP.	1,108,042	1,161,921	4.86%

SCHEDULE 10A

CUT BANK GAS CO.
SCHEDULE TO ATTACH TO PSC REPORT
JUNE 30, 2000

LINE 43 SCH 10 MISCELLANEOUS GENERAL EXPENSE

	LAST YEAR	THIS YEAR	% CHANGE
Interest expense	2,976	7,643	156.82%
Donations	1,681	2,274	35.28%
Miscellaneous expense	37,890	36,433	-3.85%
Communication expense	193	276	43.01%
Totals	42,740	46,626	9.09%

MONTANA TAXES OTHER THAN INCOME

Year: 2000

	Description of Tax	Last Year	This Year	% Change
1	Payroll Taxes	27,121	26,100	-3.76%
2	Montana Consumer Counsel	1,055	966	-8.44%
3	Montana PSC	2,697	2,963	9.86%
4	Property Taxes	11,155	12,635	13.27%
5	Tribal Taxes	1,479	1,479	
6	Natural Gas Production Tax	3,966	3,860	-2.67%
7	Vehicle Licenses	1,915	1,025	-46.48%
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51	TOTAL MT Taxes other than Income	49,388	49,028	-0.73%

PAYMENTS FOR SERVICES TO PERSONS OTHER THAN EMPLOYEES

Year: 2000

	Name of Recipient	Nature of Service	Total Company	Montana	% Montana
1	David F. Stufft	Attorney	18,278	18,278	100.00%
2	JCCS, CPA's	Accountants	19,365	19,365	100.00%
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50	TOTAL Payments for Services		37,643	37,643	100%

POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEES / POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS Year: 2000

	Description	Total Company	Montana	% Montana
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2	Cut Bank Gas Company does not make political contributions.			
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50	TOTAL Contributions			

Pension Costs

Year: 2000

1	Plan Name: Pension Plan for the Employees of Cut Bank Gas Co.			
2	Defined Benefit Plan? YES	Defined Contribution Plan? NO		
3	Actuarial Cost Method? Frozen Initial Liability Method With Entry-Age Normal Cost			
4	Is the Plan Over Funded? Yes-Defined Benefit	IRS Code: Sec. 401(a)		
5	Annual Contribution by Employer: \$9,500 Defined Benefit			
	Item	Current Year	Last Year	% Change
6	Change in Benefit Obligation			
7	Benefit obligation at beginning of year	Not Available	Not Available	
8	Service cost	-	-	
9	Interest Cost	None	None	
10	Plan participants' contributions	-	-	
11	Amendments	-	-	
12	Actuarial Gain	-	-	
13	Acquisition	-	-	
14	Benefits paid	-	-	
15	Benefit obligation at end of year	565,655	493,974	14.51%
16	Change in Plan Assets			
17	Fair value of plan assets at beginning of year	564,960	526,708	7.26%
18	Actual return on plan assets	26,472	30,752	-13.92%
19	Acquisition	-	-	
20	Employer contribution	9,750	7,500	30.00%
21	Plan participants' contributions	-	-	
22	Benefits paid	-	-	
23	Fair value of plan assets at end of year	601,182	564,960	6.41%
24	Funded Status	35,527	70,986	-49.95%
25	Unrecognized net actuarial loss			
26	Unrecognized prior service cost			
27	Prepaid (accrued) benefit cost	35,527	70,986	-49.95%
28				
29	Weighted-average Assumptions as of Year End			
30	Discount rate	7.00%	7.00%	
31	Expected return on plan assets	6.00%	6.00%	
32	Rate of compensation increase	2.00%	2.00%	
33				
34	Components of Net Periodic Benefit Costs			
35	Service cost	37,431	20,210	85.21%
36	Interest cost	-	-	
37	Expected return on plan assets	-	-	
38	Amortization of prior service cost	-	-	
39	Recognized net actuarial loss	-	-	
40	Net periodic benefit cost	37,431	20,210	85.21%
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42	Montana Intrastate Costs:			
43	Pension Costs	-	-	
44	Pension Costs Capitalized	-	-	
45	Accumulated Pension Asset (Liability) at Year End	-	-	
46	Number of Company Employees:			
47	Covered by the Plan	7	7	
48	Not Covered by the Plan	1	1	
49	Active	7	7	
50	Retired	-	-	
51	Deferred Vested Terminated	-	-	

Pension Costs

Year: 2000

1	Plan Name: Cut Bank Gas Co., Inc. Profit Sharing Plan & Trust			
2	Defined Benefit Plan? No	Defined Contribution Plan? YES		
3	Actuarial Cost Method? N/A			
4	Is the Plan Over Funded? No	IRS Code: Sec. 401(a)		
5	Annual Contribution by Employer: \$0 - Profit Sharing			
	Item	Current Year	Last Year	% Change
6	Change in Benefit Obligation			
7	Benefit obligation at beginning of year	-	-	
8	Service cost	-	-	
9	Interest Cost	-	-	
10	Plan participants' contributions	-	-	
11	Amendments	-	-	
12	Actuarial Gain	-	-	
13	Acquisition	-	-	
14	Benefits paid	-	-	
15	Benefit obligation at end of year	-	-	
16	Change in Plan Assets			
17	Fair value of plan assets at beginning of year	24,693	23,468	5.22%
18	Actual return on plan assets	1,564	1,225	27.67%
19	Acquisition	-	-	
20	Employer contribution	-	-	
21	Plan participants' contributions	-	-	
22	Benefits paid	-	-	
23	Fair value of plan assets at end of year	26,257	24,693	6.33%
24	Funded Status			
25	Unrecognized net actuarial loss	-	-	
26	Unrecognized prior service cost	-	-	
27	Prepaid (accrued) benefit cost	-	-	
28				
29	Weighted-average Assumptions as of Year End			
30	Discount rate			
31	Expected return on plan assets			
32	Rate of compensation increase			
33				
34	Components of Net Periodic Benefit Costs			
35	Service cost	-	-	
36	Interest cost	-	-	
37	Expected return on plan assets	-	-	
38	Amortization of prior service cost	-	-	
39	Recognized net actuarial loss	-	-	
40	Net periodic benefit cost	-	-	
41				
42	Montana Intrastate Costs:			
43	Pension Costs	-	-	
44	Pension Costs Capitalized	-	-	
45	Accumulated Pension Asset (Liability) at Year End	-	-	
46	Number of Company Employees:			
47	Covered by the Plan	7	7	
48	Not Covered by the Plan	1	1	
49	Active	7	7	
50	Retired	-	-	
51	Deferred Vested Terminated	-	-	

Other Post Employment Benefits (OPEBS)

	Item	Current Year	Last Year	% Change
1	Regulatory Treatment:			
2	Commission authorized - most recent			
3	Docket number: _____			
4	Order number: _____			
5	Amount recovered through rates			
6	Weighted-average Assumptions as of Year End	Cut Bank Gas company has no other post employment benefits.		
7	Discount rate			
8	Expected return on plan assets			
9	Medical Cost Inflation Rate			
10	Actuarial Cost Method			
11	Rate of compensation increase			
12	List each method used to fund OPEBs (ie: VEBA, 401(h)) and if tax advantaged:			
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15	Describe any Changes to the Benefit Plan:			
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17	TOTAL COMPANY			
18	Change in Benefit Obligation			
19	Benefit obligation at beginning of year			
20	Service cost			
21	Interest Cost			
22	Plan participants' contributions			
23	Amendments			
24	Actuarial Gain			
25	Acquisition			
26	Benefits paid			
27	Benefit obligation at end of year			
28	Change in Plan Assets			
29	Fair value of plan assets at beginning of year			
30	Actual return on plan assets			
31	Acquisition			
32	Employer contribution			
33	Plan participants' contributions			
34	Benefits paid			
35	Fair value of plan assets at end of year			
36	Funded Status			
37	Unrecognized net actuarial loss			
38	Unrecognized prior service cost			
39	Prepaid (accrued) benefit cost			
40	Components of Net Periodic Benefit Costs			
41	Service cost			
42	Interest cost			
43	Expected return on plan assets			
44	Amortization of prior service cost			
45	Recognized net actuarial loss			
46	Net periodic benefit cost			
47	Accumulated Post Retirement Benefit Obligation			
48	Amount Funded through VEBA			
49	Amount Funded through 401(h)			
50	Amount Funded through Other _____			
51	TOTAL			
52	Amount that was tax deductible - VEBA			
53	Amount that was tax deductible - 401(h)			
54	Amount that was tax deductible - Other _____			
55	TOTAL			

Other Post Employment Benefits (OPEBS) Continued

Year: 2000

	Item	Current Year	Last Year	% Change
1	Number of Company Employees:			
2	Covered by the Plan	Cut Bank Gas company has no other post employment benefits.		
3	Not Covered by the Plan			
4	Active			
5	Retired			
6	Spouses/Dependants covered by the Plan			
7	Montana			
8	Change in Benefit Obligation			
9	Benefit obligation at beginning of year			
10	Service cost			
11	Interest Cost			
12	Plan participants' contributions			
13	Amendments			
14	Actuarial Gain			
15	Acquisition			
16	Benefits paid			
17	Benefit obligation at end of year			
18	Change in Plan Assets			
19	Fair value of plan assets at beginning of year			
20	Actual return on plan assets			
21	Acquisition			
22	Employer contribution			
23	Plan participants' contributions			
24	Benefits paid			
25	Fair value of plan assets at end of year			
26	Funded Status			
27	Unrecognized net actuarial loss			
28	Unrecognized prior service cost			
29	Prepaid (accrued) benefit cost			
30	Components of Net Periodic Benefit Costs			
31	Service cost			
32	Interest cost			
33	Expected return on plan assets			
34	Amortization of prior service cost			
35	Recognized net actuarial loss			
36	Net periodic benefit cost			
37	Accumulated Post Retirement Benefit Obligation			
38	Amount Funded through VEBA			
39	Amount Funded through 401(h)			
40	Amount Funded through other _____			
41	TOTAL			
42	Amount that was tax deductible - VEBA			
43	Amount that was tax deductible - 401(h)			
44	Amount that was tax deductible - Other			
45	TOTAL			
46	Montana Intrastate Costs:			
47	Pension Costs			
48	Pension Costs Capitalized			
49	Accumulated Pension Asset (Liability) at Year End			
50	Number of Montana Employees:			
51	Covered by the Plan			
52	Not Covered by the Plan			
53	Active			
54	Retired			
55	Spouses/Dependants covered by the Plan			

TOP TEN MONTANA COMPENSATED EMPLOYEES (ASSIGNED OR ALLOCATED)

Line No.	Name/Title	Base Salary	Bonuses	Other	Total Compensation	Total Compensation Last Year	% Increase Total Compensation
1	Daniel Whetstone President	74,310	-	-	74,310	72,279	2.81%
2	John D. More Serviceman 1st Class	51,573	-	-	51,573	50,450	2.23%
3	Rodney S. Cline Serviceman 2nd Class	49,366	-	-	49,366	48,983	0.78%
4	Mark S. Coryell Serviceman 2nd Class	45,899	-	-	45,899	46,054	-0.34%
5	Thomas F. Shock Serviceman 2nd Class	45,968	-	-	45,968	44,602	3.06%
6	S. Jane Lindberg Bookkeeper	36,126	-	-	36,126	34,966	3.32%
7	Lori L. Milbrandt Secretary/Receptionist	24,251	-	-	24,251	23,607	2.73%
8	Jill Dekaye Summer Clerk	-	-	-	-	425	-100.00%
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COMPENSATION OF TOP 5 CORPORATE EMPLOYEES - SEC INFORMATION

Line No.	Name/Title	Base Salary	Bonuses	Other	Total Compensation	Total Compensation Last Year	% Increase Total Compensation
1	Daniel Whetstone President	74,310	-	-	74,310	72,279	2.81%
2	John D. More Serviceman 1st Class	51,573	-	-	51,573	50,450	2.23%
3	Rodney S. Cline Serviceman 2nd Class	49,366	-	-	49,366	48,983	0.78%
4	Mark S. Coryell Serviceman 2nd Class	45,899	-	-	45,899	46,054	-0.34%
5	Thomas F. Shock Serviceman 2nd Class	45,968	-	-	45,968	44,602	3.06%

BALANCE SHEET

Year: 2000

	Account Number & Title	Last Year	This Year	% Change
1	Assets and Other Debits			
2	Utility Plant			
3	101 Gas Plant in Service	914,443	858,433	-6.13%
4	101.1 Property Under Capital Leases	-	-	
5	102 Gas Plant Purchased or Sold	-	-	
6	104 Gas Plant Leased to Others	-	-	
7	105 Gas Plant Held for Future Use	-	-	
8	105.1 Production Properties Held for Future Use	-	-	
9	106 Completed Constr. Not Classified - Gas	-	-	
10	107 Construction Work in Progress - Gas	-	-	
11	108 (Less) Accumulated Depreciation	(605,787)	(561,923)	7.24%
12	111 (Less) Accumulated Amortization & Depletion	-	-	
13	114 Gas Plant Acquisition Adjustments	-	-	
14	115 (Less) Accum. Amort. Gas Plant Acq. Adj.	-	-	
15	116 Other Gas Plant Adjustments	-	-	
16	117 Gas Stored Underground - Noncurrent	-	-	
17	118 Other Utility Plant	-	-	
18	119 Accum. Depr. and Amort. - Other Util. Plant	-	-	
19	TOTAL Utility Plant	308,656	296,510	-3.94%
20	Other Property & Investments			
21	121 Nonutility Property	-	-	
22	122 (Less) Accum. Depr. & Amort. of Nonutil. Prop.	-	-	
23	123 Investments in Associated Companies	-	-	
24	123.1 Investments in Subsidiary Companies	-	-	
25	124 Other Investments	1,923	2,009	4.47%
26	125 Sinking Funds	-	-	
27	TOTAL Other Property & Investments	1,923	2,009	4.47%
28	Current & Accrued Assets			
29	131 Cash	67,911	93,863	38.21%
30	132-134 Special Deposits	-	-	
31	135 Working Funds	-	-	
32	136 Temporary Cash Investments	-	-	
33	141 Notes Receivable	-	-	
34	142 Customer Accounts Receivable	51,228	63,721	24.39%
35	143 Other Accounts Receivable	2,022	3,978	96.74%
36	144 (Less) Accum. Provision for Uncollectible Accts.	(2,832)	(4,132)	-45.90%
37	145 Notes Receivable - Associated Companies	-	-	
38	146 Accounts Receivable - Associated Companies	-	-	
39	151 Fuel Stock	-	-	
40	152 Fuel Stock Expenses Undistributed	-	-	
41	153 Residuals and Extracted Products	-	-	
42	154 Plant Materials and Operating Supplies	24,602	22,198	-9.77%
43	155 Merchandise	1,715	1,507	-12.13%
44	156 Other Material & Supplies	-	-	
45	163 Stores Expense Undistributed	-	-	
46	164.1 Gas Stored Underground - Current	-	-	
47	165 Prepayments	6,731	7,184	6.73%
48	166 Advances for Gas Explor., Devl. & Production	-	-	
49	171 Interest & Dividends Receivable	-	-	
50	172 Rents Receivable	-	-	
51	173 Accrued Utility Revenues	-	-	
52	174 Miscellaneous Current & Accrued Assets	19,710	-	-100.00%
53	TOTAL Current & Accrued Assets	171,087	188,319	10.07%

BALANCE SHEET

Year: 2000

Account Number & Title		Last Year	This Year	% Change
1	Assets and Other Debits (cont.)			
2				
3	Deferred Debits			
4				
5	181 Unamortized Debt Expense	-	-	
6	182.1 Extraordinary Property Losses	-	-	
7	182.2 Unrecovered Plant & Regulatory Study Costs	-	-	
8	183.1 Prelim. Nat. Gas Survey & Investigation Chrg.	-	-	
9	183.2 Other Prelim. Nat. Gas Survey & Invtg. Chrgs.	-	-	
10	184 Clearing Accounts	-	-	
11	185 Temporary Facilities	-	-	
12	186 Miscellaneous Deferred Debits	There are no Deferred Debits.		
13	187 Deferred Losses from Disposition of Util. Plant	-	-	
14	188 Research, Devel. & Demonstration Expend.	-	-	
15	189 Unamortized Loss on Reacquired Debt	-	-	
16	190 Accumulated Deferred Income Taxes	-	-	
17	191 Unrecovered Purchased Gas Costs	-	-	
18	192.1 Unrecovered Incremental Gas Costs	-	-	
19	192.2 Unrecovered Incremental Surcharges	-	-	
20	TOTAL Deferred Debits	-	-	
21				
22	TOTAL ASSETS & OTHER DEBITS	481,666	486,838	1.07%
Account Number & Title		Last Year	This Year	% Change
23	Liabilities and Other Credits			
24				
25	Proprietary Capital			
26				
27	201 Common Stock Issued	90,310	90,310	
28	202 Common Stock Subscribed	-	-	
29	204 Preferred Stock Issued	-	-	
30	205 Preferred Stock Subscribed	-	-	
31	207 Premium on Capital Stock	-	-	
32	211 Miscellaneous Paid-In Capital	-	-	
33	213 (Less) Discount on Capital Stock	-	-	
34	214 (Less) Capital Stock Expense	-	-	
35	215 Appropriated Retained Earnings	-	-	
36	216 Unappropriated Retained Earnings	277,903	228,829	-17.66%
37	217 (Less) Reacquired Capital Stock	-	-	
38	TOTAL Proprietary Capital	368,213	319,139	-13.33%
39				
40	Long Term Debt			
41				
42	221 Bonds	-	-	
43	222 (Less) Reacquired Bonds	-	-	
44	223 Advances from Associated Companies	-	-	
45	224 Other Long Term Debt	-	-	
46	225 Unamortized Premium on Long Term Debt	-	-	
47	226 (Less) Unamort. Discount on L-Term Debt-Dr.	-	-	
48	TOTAL Long Term Debt	-	-	

BALANCE SHEET

Year: 2000

	Account Number & Title	Last Year	This Year	% Change
1				
2	Total Liabilities and Other Credits (cont.)			
3				
4	Other Noncurrent Liabilities			
5				
6	227 Obligations Under Cap. Leases - Noncurrent	-	-	
7	228.1 Accumulated Provision for Property Insurance	-	-	
8	228.2 Accumulated Provision for Injuries & Damages	-	-	
9	228.3 Accumulated Provision for Pensions & Benefits	-	-	
10	228.4 Accumulated Misc. Operating Provisions	-	-	
11	229 Accumulated Provision for Rate Refunds	-	-	
12	TOTAL Other Noncurrent Liabilities	-	-	
13				
14	Current & Accrued Liabilities			
15				
16	231 Notes Payable	-	44,563	100.00%
17	232 Accounts Payable	33,231	39,827	19.85%
18	233 Notes Payable to Associated Companies	-	-	
19	234 Accounts Payable to Associated Companies	-	-	
20	235 Customer Deposits	27,917	27,574	-1.23%
21	236 Taxes Accrued	5,938	7,810	31.53%
22	237 Interest Accrued	20,240	20,245	0.02%
23	238 Dividends Declared	-	-	
24	239 Matured Long Term Debt	-	-	
25	240 Matured Interest	-	-	
26	241 Tax Collections Payable	-	-	
27	242 Miscellaneous Current & Accrued Liabilities	11,968	14,587	21.88%
28	243 Obligations Under Capital Leases - Current	-	-	
29	TOTAL Current & Accrued Liabilities	99,294	154,606	55.71%
30				
31	Deferred Credits			
32				
33	252 Customer Advances for Construction	-	-	
34	253 Other Deferred Credits	-	-	
35	255 Accumulated Deferred Investment Tax Credits	-	-	
36	256 Deferred Gains from Disposition Of Util. Plant	-	-	
37	257 Unamortized Gain on Reacquired Debt	-	-	
38	281-283 Accumulated Deferred Income Taxes	14,159	13,093	-7.53%
39	TOTAL Deferred Credits	14,159	13,093	-7.53%
40				
41	TOTAL LIABILITIES & OTHER CREDITS	481,666	486,838	1.07%

MONTANA PLANT IN SERVICE (ASSIGNED & ALLOCATED)

Year: 2000

	Account Number & Title	Last Year	This Year	% Change
1	Intangible Plant			
2				
3	301 Organization	11,354	11,354	
4	302 Franchises & Consents	1,770	1,770	
5	303 Miscellaneous Intangible Plant	30,000	30,000	
6				
7	TOTAL Intangible Plant	43,124	43,124	
8				
9	Production Plant			
10				
11	Production & Gathering Plant			
12				
13	325.1 Producing Lands	-	-	
14	325.2 Producing Leaseholds	12,877	12,877	
15	325.3 Gas Rights	-	-	
16	325.4 Rights-of-Way	-	-	
17	325.5 Other Land & Land Rights	-	-	
18	326 Gas Well Structures	-	-	
19	327 Field Compressor Station Structures	6,590	6,590	
20	328 Field Meas. & Reg. Station Structures	-	-	
21	329 Other Structures	-	-	
22	330 Producing Gas Wells-Well Construction	8,159	8,159	
23	331 Producing Gas Wells-Well Equipment	101,835	101,835	
24	332 Field Lines	691	691	
25	333 Field Compressor Station Equipment	24,032	24,032	
26	334 Field Meas. & Reg. Station Equipment	2,001	1,276	-56.82%
27	335 Drilling & Cleaning Equipment	-	-	
28	336 Purification Equipment	-	-	
29	337 Other Equipment	-	-	
30	338 Unsuccessful Exploration & Dev. Costs	-	-	
31				
32	Total Production & Gathering Plant	156,185	155,460	-0.47%
33				
34	Products Extraction Plant			
35				
36	340 Land & Land Rights	-	-	
37	341 Structures & Improvements	-	-	
38	342 Extraction & Refining Equipment	-	-	
39	343 Pipe Lines	-	-	
40	344 Extracted Products Storage Equipment	-	-	
41	345 Compressor Equipment	-	-	
42	346 Gas Measuring & Regulating Equipment	-	-	
43	347 Other Equipment	-	-	
44				
45	Total Products Extraction Plant	-	-	
46				
47	TOTAL Production Plant	156,185	155,460	-0.47%

MONTANA PLANT IN SERVICE (ASSIGNED & ALLOCATED)

Year: 2000

	Account Number & Title	Last Year	This Year	% Change			
1							
2	Natural Gas Storage and Processing Plant						
3							
4	Underground Storage Plant						
5							
6	350.1 Land	There are no storage and processing plant assets					
7	350.2 Rights-of-Way						
8	351 Structures & Improvements						
9	352 Wells						
10	352.1 Storage Leaseholds & Rights						
11	352.2 Reservoirs						
12	352.3 Non-Recoverable Natural Gas						
13	353 Lines						
14	354 Compressor Station Equipment						
15	355 Measuring & Regulating Equipment						
16	356 Purification Equipment						
17	357 Other Equipment						
18							
19	Total Underground Storage Plant						
20							
21	Other Storage Plant						
22							
23	360 Land & Land Rights				-	-	
24	361 Structures & Improvements				-	-	
25	362 Gas Holders	-	-				
26	363 Purification Equipment	-	-				
27	363.1 Liquefaction Equipment	-	-				
28	363.2 Vaporizing Equipment	-	-				
29	363.3 Compressor Equipment	-	-				
30	363.4 Measuring & Regulating Equipment	-	-				
31	363.5 Other Equipment	-	-				
32							
33	Total Other Storage Plant	-	-				
34							
35	TOTAL Natural Gas Storage and Processing Plant	-	-				
36							
37	Transmission Plant						
38							
39	365.1 Land & Land Rights	-	-				
40	365.2 Rights-of-Way	-	-				
41	366 Structures & Improvements	-	-				
42	367 Mains	792	792				
43	368 Compressor Station Equipment	-	-				
44	369 Measuring & Reg. Station Equipment	-	-				
45	370 Communication Equipment	-	-				
46	371 Other Equipment	-	-				
47							
48	TOTAL Transmission Plant	792	792				

MONTANA PLANT IN SERVICE (ASSIGNED & ALLOCATED)

Year: 2000

	Account Number & Title	Last Year	This Year	% Change
1				
2	Distribution Plant			
3				
4	374 Land & Land Rights	-	-	
5	375 Structures & Improvements	-	-	
6	376 Mains	236,323	228,951	-3.12%
7	377 Compressor Station Equipment	-	-	
8	378 Meas. & Reg. Station Equipment-General	-	-	
9	379 Meas. & Reg. Station Equipment-City Gate	-	-	
10	380 Services	15,968	13,936	-12.73%
11	381 Meters	150,876	147,233	-2.41%
12	382 Meter Installations	54,643	51,581	-5.60%
13	383 House Regulators	-	-	
14	384 House Regulator Installations	-	-	
15	385 Industrial Meas. & Reg. Station Equipment	-	-	
16	386 Other Prop. on Customers' Premises	-	-	
17	387 Other Equipment	-	-	
18				
19	TOTAL Distribution Plant	457,810	441,701	-3.52%
20				
21	General Plant			
22				
23	389 Land & Land Rights	10,000	10,000	
24	390 Structures & Improvements	95,381	93,925	-1.53%
25	391 Office Furniture & Equipment	15,408	13,777	-10.59%
26	392 Transportation Equipment	100,245	82,971	-17.23%
27	393 Stores Equipment	827	-	-100.00%
28	394 Tools, Shop & Garage Equipment	7,891	5,972	-24.32%
29	395 Laboratory Equipment	-	-	
30	396 Power Operated Equipment	22,721	9,950	-56.21%
31	397 Communication Equipment	1,737	-	-100.00%
32	398 Miscellaneous Equipment	2,322	761	-67.23%
33	399 Other Tangible Property	-	-	
34				
35	TOTAL General Plant	256,532	217,356	-15.27%
36				
37	TOTAL Gas Plant in Service	914,443	858,433	-6.13%

MONTANA DEPRECIATION SUMMARY

Year: 2000

	Functional Plant Classification	Plant Cost	Accumulated Depreciation		Current Avg. Rate
			Last Year Bal.	This Year Bal.	
1	Production & Gathering	155,460	124,771	128,031	-
2	Products Extraction	-	-	-	-
3	Underground Storage	-	-	-	-
4	Other Storage	-	-	-	-
5	Transmission	792	668	697	-
6	Distribution	441,701	281,765	261,885	-
7	General	217,356	198,583	171,310	-
8	TOTAL	815,309	605,787	561,923	-

SCHEDULE 21**MONTANA MATERIALS & SUPPLIES (ASSIGNED & ALLOCATED)**

	Account	Last Year Bal.	This Year Bal.	%Change
1				
2	151 Fuel Stock	-	-	
3	152 Fuel Stock Expenses - Undistributed	-	-	
4	153 Residuals & Extracted Products	-	-	
5	154 Plant Materials & Operating Supplies:			
6	Assigned to Construction (Estimated)	-	-	
7	Assigned to Operations & Maintenance	-	-	
8	Production Plant (Estimated)	-	-	
9	Transmission Plant (Estimated)	-	-	
10	Distribution Plant (Estimated)	24,602	22,198	-9.77%
11	Assigned to Other	-	-	
12	155 Merchandise	1,715	1,507	-12.13%
13	156 Other Materials & Supplies	-	-	
14	163 Stores Expense Undistributed	-	-	
15				
16	TOTAL Materials & Supplies	26,317	23,705	-9.93%

SCHEDULE 22**MONTANA REGULATORY CAPITAL STRUCTURE & COSTS**

	Commission Accepted - Most Recent		% Cap. Str.	% Cost Rate	Weighted Cost
1	Docket Number	D99.6.145			
2	Order Number	6192a			
3					
4	Common Equity	245,018	55.40%	14.500	8.03
5	Preferred Stock	-	-	-	-
6	Long Term Debt	197,000	44.60%	15.817	7.05
7	Other	-	-	-	-
8	TOTAL	442,018	100.00%		15.08
9					
10	Actual at Year End				
11					
12	Common Equity	368,213	100.00%	-	-
13	Preferred Stock	-	-	-	-
14	Long Term Debt	-	-	-	-
15	Other	-	-	-	-
16	TOTAL	368,213	100.00%		-

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

Year: 2000

	Description	Last Year	This Year	% Change
1				
2	Increase/(decrease) in Cash & Cash Equivalents:			
3				
4	Cash Flows from Operating Activities:			
5	Net Income	(102,652)	(49,074)	52.19%
6	Depreciation	40,869	37,805	-7.50%
7	Patronage Dividend	(46)	(151)	-228.26%
8	Deferred Income Taxes - Net	(912)	(1,066)	-16.89%
9	Investment Tax Credit Adjustments - Net	-	-	
10	Change in Operating Receivables - Net	(6,944)	(13,149)	-89.36%
11	Change in Materials, Supplies & Inventories - Net	(1,952)	2,612	233.81%
12	Change in Operating Payables & Accrued Liabilities - Net	353	11,092	3042.21%
13	Allowance for Funds Used During Construction (AFUDC)	-	-	
14	Change in Other Assets & Liabilities - Net	7,347	18,914	157.44%
15	Other Operating Activities (Schedule 23A)	-	(4,300)	-100.00%
16	Net Cash Provided by/(Used in) Operating Activities	(63,937)	2,683	104.20%
17				
18	Cash Inflows/Outflows From Investment Activities:			
19	Construction/Acquisition of Property, Plant and Equipment (net of AFUDC & Capital Lease Related Acquisitions)	(7,108)	(25,659)	-260.99%
20	Acquisition of Other Noncurrent Assets	-	-	
21	Proceeds from Disposal of Noncurrent Assets	86	4,365	4975.58%
22	Investments In and Advances to Affiliates	-	-	
23	Contributions and Advances from Affiliates	-	-	
24	Disposition of Investments in and Advances to Affiliates	-	-	
25	Other Investing Activities (explained on attached page)	-	-	
26				
27	Net Cash Provided by/(Used in) Investing Activities	(7,022)	(21,294)	-203.25%
28				
29	Cash Flows from Financing Activities:			
30	Proceeds from Issuance of:			
31	Long-Term Debt	-	80,000	100.00%
32	Preferred Stock	-	-	
33	Common Stock	-	-	
34	Other:	-	-	
35	Net Increase in Short-Term Debt	-	-	
36	Other:	-	-	
37	Payment for Retirement of:			
38	Long-Term Debt	-	(35,437)	-100.00%
39	Preferred Stock	-	-	
40	Common Stock	-	-	
41	Other:	-	-	
42	Net Decrease in Short-Term Debt	-	-	
43	Dividends on Preferred Stock	-	-	
44	Dividends on Common Stock	(31,608)	-	100.00%
45	Other Financing Activities (explained on attached page)	-	-	
46	Net Cash Provided by (Used in) Financing Activities	(31,608)	44,563	240.99%
47				
48	Net Increase/(Decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents	(102,567)	25,952	125.30%
49	Cash and Cash Equivalents at Beginning of Year	170,478	67,911	-60.16%
50	Cash and Cash Equivalents at End of Year	67,911	93,863	38.21%

**CUT BANK GAS CO.
SCHEDULE TO ATTACH TO PSC REPORT
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LINE 15 SCH 23 OTHER OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	LAST YEAR	THIS YEAR	% CHANGE
Gain on Sale of Fixed Asset	-	(4,300)	-100.00%
Totals	-	(4,300)	-100.00%

LONG TERM DEBT

Year: 2000

	Description	Issue Date Mo./Yr.	Maturity Date Mo./Yr.	Principal Amount	Net Proceeds	Outstanding Per Balance Sheet	Yield to Maturity	Annual Net Cost Inc. Prem./Disc.	Total Cost %
1									
2									
3	Cut Bank Gas Company has no long-term debt.								
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32	TOTAL								

Company Name: Cut Bank Gas Company

Year: 2000

PREFERRED STOCK

	Series	Issue Date Mo./Yr.	Shares Issued	Par Value	Call Price	Net Proceeds	Cost of Money	Principal Outstanding	Annual Cost	Embed. Cost %
1										
2										
3	Cut Bank Gas Company has no preferred stock.									
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32	TOTAL									

Company Name: Cut Bank Gas Company

COMMON STOCK

Year: 2000

	Avg. Number of Shares Outstanding	Book Value Per Share	Earnings Per Share	Dividends Per Share	Retention Ratio	Market Price High	Market Price Low	Price/Earnings Ratio
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32	TOTAL Year End	9,031 \$	35.34 \$	(5.43) \$	-	N/A	N/A	N/A

Information only available for the fiscal year end of June, 1999.

MONTANA EARNED RATE OF RETURN

Year: 2000

	Description	Last Year	This Year	% Change
1	Rate Base			
2	101 Plant in Service	914,443	858,433	-6.13%
3	108 (Less) Accumulated Depreciation	(605,787)	(561,923)	7.24%
4	NET Plant in Service	308,656	296,510	-3.94%
5				
6	Additions			
7	154, 156 Materials & Supplies	24,602	22,198	-9.77%
8	165 Prepayments	6,731	7,184	6.73%
9	Other Additions (Schedule 27A)	72,871	75,665	3.84%
10	TOTAL Additions	104,204	105,047	0.81%
11				
12	Deductions			
13	190 Accumulated Deferred Income Taxes	-	-	
14	252 Customer Advances for Construction	-	-	
15	255 Accumulated Def. Investment Tax Credits	-	-	
16	Other Deductions - Customer Deposits	27,917	27,574	-1.23%
17	TOTAL Deductions	27,917	27,574	-1.23%
18	TOTAL Rate Base	384,943	373,983	-2.85%
19				
20	Net Earnings	(102,652)	(49,074)	52.19%
21				
22	Rate of Return on Average Rate Base	-25.59%	-12.93%	49.46%
23				
24	Rate of Return on Average Equity	-23.58%	-14.28%	39.44%
25				
26	Major Normalizing Adjustments & Commission			
27	Ratemaking adjustments to Utility Operations			
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46				
47	Adjusted Rate of Return on Average Rate Base	-25.59%	-12.93%	49.46%
48				
49	Adjusted Rate of Return on Average Equity	-23.58%	-14.28%	39.44%

CUT BANK GAS CO.
SCHEDULE TO ATTACH TO PSC REPORT
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LINE 9 SCH 27 / Per Commission Order #4858a Last Year and Order #6192a This Year

	LAST YEAR	THIS YEAR	% CHANGE
Operating expenses	1,052,211	1,091,575	3.74%
Maintenance expenses	55,831	70,346	26.00%
Taxes other than income taxes	49,388	49,028	-0.73%
	1,157,430	1,210,949	4.62%
Less:			
Purchased Gas	572,660	603,210	5.33%
Royalty Gas	1,804	2,416	33.92%
	582,966	605,323	3.84%
Divided by	8	8	
1/8 Op. & Maint. for working capital	<u>72,871</u>	<u>75,665</u>	3.84%

MONTANA COMPOSITE STATISTICS

Year: 2000

	Description	Amount
1		
2	Plant (Intrastate Only) (000 Omitted)	
3		
4	101 Plant in Service	858,433
5	107 Construction Work in Progress	-
6	114 Plant Acquisition Adjustments	-
7	105 Plant Held for Future Use	-
8	154, 156 Materials & Supplies	22,198
9	(Less):	
10	108, 111 Depreciation & Amortization Reserves	(561,923)
11	252 Contributions in Aid of Construction	
12		
13	NET BOOK COSTS	318,708
14	Revenues & Expenses (000 Omitted)	
15		
16		
17	400 Operating Revenues	1,185,130
18		
19	403 - 407 Depreciation & Amortization Expenses	37,805
20	Federal & State Income Taxes	(1,682)
21	Other Taxes	47,962
22	Other Operating Expenses	1,159,647
23	TOTAL Operating Expenses	1,243,732
24		
25	Net Operating Income	(58,602)
26		
27	415 - 421.1 Other Income	11,802
28	421.2 - 426.5 Other Deductions	2,274
29		
30	NET INCOME	(49,074)
31	Customers (Intrastate Only)	
32		
33		
34	Year End Average:	
35	Residential	1,311
36	Commercial	266
37	Industrial	-
38	Other	-
39		
40	TOTAL NUMBER OF CUSTOMERS	1,577
41	Other Statistics (Intrastate Only)	
42		
43		
44	Average Annual Residential Use (Mcf or Dkt))	152 Mcf
45	Average Annual Residential Cost per (Mcf or Dkt) (\$) *	\$ 4.95
46	* Avg annual cost = [(cost per Mcf or Dkt x annual use) + (mo. svc chrg x 12)]/annual use	
47	Average Residential Monthly Bill	\$ 62.70
48	Gross Plant per Customer	\$ 544.35

MONTANA CUSTOMER INFORMATION

Year: 2000

	City/Town	Population (Include Rural)	Residential Customers	Commercial Customers	Industrial & Other Customers	Total Customers
1	Cut Bank	4,000	1,311	266		1,577
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32	TOTAL Montana Customers	4,000	1,311	266		1,577

MONTANA EMPLOYEE COUNTS

Year: 2000

	Department	Year Beginning	Year End	Average
1	Administration	1	1	1
2	Service	4	4	4
3	Office	3	2	3
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50	TOTAL Montana Employees	8	7	8

MONTANA CONSTRUCTION BUDGET (ASSIGNED & ALLOCATED)

Year: 2001

	Project Description	Total Company	Total Montana
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2	Cut Bank Gas Company does not project a construction budget.		
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TRANSMISSION SYSTEM - TOTAL COMPANY & MONTANA

Year: 2000

Total Company			
	Peak Day of Month	Peak Day Volumes Mcf or Dkt	Total Monthly Volumes Mcf or Dkt
1	January	Cut Bank Gas Company does not have a transmission system.	
2	February		
3	March		
4	April		
5	May		
6	June		
7	July		
8	August		
9	September		
10	October		
11	November		
12	December		
13	TOTAL		

Montana			
	Peak Day of Month	Peak Day Volumes Mcf or Dkt	Total Monthly Volumes Mcf or Dkt
14	January		
15	February		
16	March		
17	April		
18	May		
19	June		
20	July		
21	August		
22	September		
23	October		
24	November		
25	December		
26	TOTAL		

DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM - TOTAL COMPANY & MONTANA

Year: 2000

Total Company			
	Peak Day of Month	Peak Day Volumes Mcf or Dkt	Total Monthly Volumes Mcf or Dkt
1	January	Cut Bank Gas Company does not have the equipment to measure for this.	
2	February		
3	March		
4	April		
5	May		
6	June		
7	July		
8	August		
9	September		
10	October		
11	November		
12	December		
13	TOTAL		

Montana			
	Peak Day of Month	Peak Day Volumes Mcf or Dkt	Total Monthly Volumes Mcf or Dkt
14	January		
15	February		
16	March		
17	April		
18	May		
19	June		
20	July		
21	August		
22	September		
23	October		
24	November		
25	December		
26	TOTAL		

STORAGE SYSTEM - TOTAL COMPANY & MONTANA

Year: 2000

		Total Company					
		Peak Day of Month		Peak Day Volumes (Mcf or Dkt)		Total Monthly Volumes (Mcf or Dkt)	
		Injection	Withdrawal	Injection	Withdrawal	Injection	Losses
1	January						
2	February						
3	March						
4	April						
5	May						
6	June						
7	July						
8	August						
9	September						
10	October						
11	November						
12	December						
13	TOTAL						

Cut Bank Gas Company does not have a storage system.

		Montana					
		Peak Day of Month		Peak Day Volumes (Mcf or Dkt)		Total Monthly Volumes (Mcf or Dkt)	
		Injection	Withdrawal	Injection	Withdrawal	Injection	Losses
14	January						
15	February						
16	March						
17	April						
18	May						
19	June						
20	July						
21	August						
22	September						
23	October						
24	November						
25	December						
26	TOTAL						

SOURCES OF GAS SUPPLY

Year: 2000

	Name of Supplier	Last Year Volumes Mcf or Dkt	This Year Volumes Mcf or Dkt	Last Year Avg. Commodity Cost	This Year Avg. Commodity Cost
1	Montana Power	182,960 Mcfs @14.90	182,975 Mcfs @14.90	\$3.130	\$3.297
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3	Cut Bank Gas Company - Royalty	36,338 Mcfs @14.73	31,814 Mcfs @14.73	\$0.127	\$0.153
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5	Hope Hewitt	1,742 Mcfs @14.73	1,960 Mcfs @14.73	\$1.035	\$1.232
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33	Total Gas Supply Volumes	221,040 Mcfs	216,749 Mcfs	\$2.620	\$2.817

MONTANA CONSERVATION & DEMAND SIDE MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS Year: 2000

	Program Description	Current Year Expenditures	Last Year Expenditures	% Change	Planned Savings (Mcf or Dkt)	Achieved Savings (Mcf or Dkt)	Difference
1							
2	Cut Bank Gas Company does not have conservation and						
3	demand side management programs.						
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32	TOTAL						

MONTANA CONSUMPTION AND REVENUES

Year: 2000

	Sales of Gas	Operating Revenues		MCF Sold		Avg. No. of Customers	
		Current Year	Previous Year	Current Year	Previous Year	Current Year	Previous Year
1	Residential						
2	Commercial - Small						
3	Commercial - Large						
4	Industrial - Small						
5	Industrial - Large						
6	Interruptible Industrial						
7	Other Sales to Public Authorities						
8	Sales to Other Utilities						
9	Interdepartmental						
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11	TOTAL	1,078,892	1,185,130	239,304	240,819	1,577	1,584
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18	Transportation of Gas						
19							
20	Utilities						
21	Industrial						
22	Other						
23							
24	TOTAL						

Considered one class

Operating Revenues

BCF Transported

Avg. No. of Customers

Cut Bank Gas Company has no Transmission Revenue.