

Service Date: January 13, 2006

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)	UTILITY DIVISION
Utility Solutions, LLC to Implement Initial)	
Rates and Charges for Wastewater Service in)	DOCKET NO. D2005.11.164
its Elk Grove Subdivision, Gallatin County,)	ORDER NO. 6708
Montana Service Area)	

INTERIM ORDER

History

On November 1, 2005, Utility Solutions, LLC (USLLC), P.O. Box 10098, Bozeman Montana 59719, filed before the Public Service Commission (PSC) an application for approval to implement initial rates and charges for metered wastewater service and monthly flat rate wastewater service in USLLC’s Elk Grove service area. USLLC has also requested approval of special rules of service. The proposed metered rate consists of a customer charge of \$14.06 per month plus \$4.449 per 1000 gallons or fraction thereof. The proposed monthly flat rate tariffs are \$53.79 per month for residential customers, \$80.10 for daycare customers and \$108.76 for commercial customers. This would generate revenues of \$199,188 at the full build out of the subdivision.

In its application, USLLC requested initial interim rates based on its proposed flat monthly rate tariff.

On November 30, 2005, the Montana Consumer Counsel filed a Petition to Intervene in the docket and was granted intervention.

Conclusions of Law

1. USLLC is a public utility furnishing wastewater service to customers in the Gallatin County, Montana area. As such, it is subject to the supervision, regulation and control of the Commission pursuant to Title 69, Chapter 3, Montana Code Annotated (MCA).
2. Section 69-3-304, MCA, provides that the Commission may temporarily approve increases pending a hearing or final decision.
3. The Commission concludes that the granting of an interim rate increase of \$199,188 at full build out as set forth is just, reasonable and within the discretion granted by § 69-3-304, MCA.

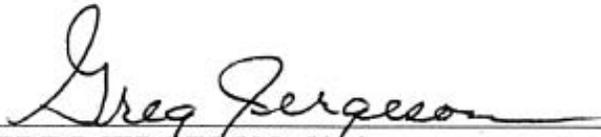
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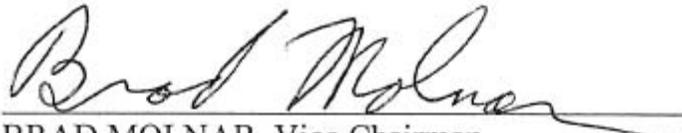
NOW THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED THAT:

4. USLLC is hereby granted authority to implement on an interim basis increased rates for its Gallatin County, Montana customers, designed to generate additional annual revenues in the amount of \$199,188 at full build out. Those rates per month are \$53.79 for residential customers, \$80.10 for daycare customers and \$108.76 for commercial customers.
5. USLLC is ordered to file, by July 1, 2007, an application for final order and permanent rates based on a test year of income and expenses ending not later than January 9, 2007.
6. The increase granted is subject to rebate if the Commission determines that a lesser increase is warranted. Interest on any rebate will be calculated at the rate of return authorized by the Commission.
7. The interim relief granted in this Order is to be effective for services rendered on and after January 10, 2006.

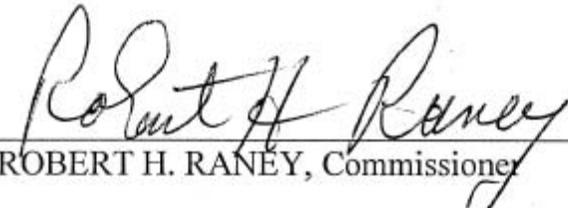
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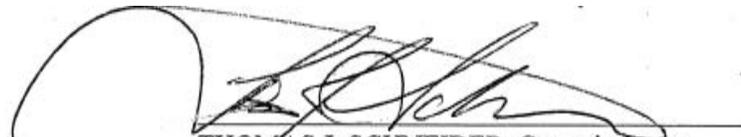
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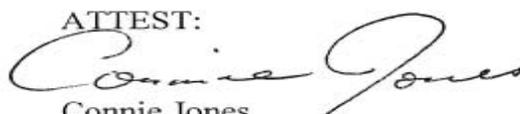

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ATTEST:

Connie Jones
Commission Secretary

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NOTE: Any interested party may request the Commission to reconsider this decision. A motion to reconsider must be filed within ten (10) days. See ARM 38.2.4806.