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Service Date: January 30, 1979

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 the CITY OF SCOBEY for authority to Increase Water Rates.	DOCKET NO. 6639 DEFAULT ORDER NO. 4485

On December 13, 1978, the TOWN OF SCOBEY (Applicant) filed a petition with the Commission to increase water rates under 82-4209, RCM 1947, pursuant to jurisdiction granted by 70-101, et seq., RCM 1947, and to the requirements of Article II, Sections 8 and 9 of the Montana Constitution FOR AN ORDER AUTHORIZING APPLICANT TO INCREASE ITS WATER RATES FOR ADDITIONAL REVENUE TO DEFRAY INCREASED COST OF OPERATION, REPAIR AND IMPROVEMENT OF THE WATER SYSTEM.

Having considered the application and the documentation furnished by Applicant in support of its application and deeming itself fully advised in the premises, the Commission makes the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law:

FINDINGS OF FACT

(1.) A Notice of Proposed Public Hearing to be held, if requested, was published in the January 18, 1979 edition of the Daniels County Leader and the January 5, 1979 edition of the Billings Gazette and the January 4, 1979 edition of the Great Falls Tribune. The notice stated that if no requests for a public hearing were received by January 29, 1979 an appropriate order would be issued based upon

evidence submitted with the application.

2.) No requests for a hearing were received and no hearing was scheduled.

3.) On November 6, 1978 the City Council of the City of Socbey passed Resolution No. 446 setting water rates at the proposed level.

4.) The City alleges it needs additional revenues to defray increased cost of operation, repair and improvement of the water system.

5.) The City anticipates that the proposed rates will increase annual revenues by $26,000.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

(1.) The Commission has jurisdiction over parties and proceedings in this matter.

(2.) The resulting rate levels are reasonable and just.

ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

1.) The following monthly rates are authorized:

Monthly Minimum, both Residential and Commercial	$6.00
Residential:	$ .25 per 1,000 gallons over 4,000 gallons
Commercial:	$ .40 per 1,000 gallons over 3,000 gallons up to 10,000 gallons
	$ .35 per 1,000 gallons for the next 35,000 gallons

$ .25 per 1,000 gallons for the next 50,000 gallons

$ .15 per 1,000 gallons for any remainder

2.) The approved rates shall be effective for water service rendered on and after February 1, 1979.

DONE IN OPEN SESSION in Helena, Montana on January 29, 1979 by a 5 - 0 vote.

BY ORDER OF THE MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION.

Gordon E. Bollinger, Chairman

Clyde T. Jarvis, Commissioner

Thomas J. Schneider, Commissioner

James R. Shea, Commissioner

George Turman, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Madeline L. Cottrill
Secretary

(SEAL)

NOTICE: You are entitled to judicial review of the final decision in this matter. If no Motion For Reconsideration is filed, judicial review may be obtained by filing a petition for review within thirty (30) days from the service of this Order. If a Motion For Reconsideration is filed, a Commission order is final for purpose of appeal upon the entry of a ruling on that motion, or upon the passage of ten (10) days following the filing of that motion. cf. The Montana Administrative Procedure Act, esp. Sec. 82-4216, RCM 1947; and Commission Rules of Practice and Procedure, esp. 38-2.2(64)p_2750 ARM.