Service Date: December 9, 1980

READING FILE

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 TOWN OF ALBERTON For Authority To Adopt Increased Water Rates.	UTILITY DIVISION DOCKET NO. 80.7.71 DEFAULT ORDER NO. 4722

On July 9, 1980, the Town of Alberton (Applicant) filed an application with the Montana Public Service Commission for an order authorizing the Applicant to increase its water rates to provide additional revenue to defray increased costs of operation, to maintain, repair, and improve the water utility facilities.

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 Opportunity for Public Hearing was published in the October 22, 1980 edition of the Missoulian and the October 23, 1980 edition of the Mineral Independent. The notice stated that if no requests for a public hearing were received by November 17, 1980, 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 July 7, 1980, the Town Council of the Town of Alberton passed Resolution No. 109 setting water rates at the proposed level.

4. The Town alleges it needs additional revenue to defray increased costs of operation to maintain, repair, and improve the water utility facilities.

5. The Town anticipates that the proposed increases in rates will increase annual revenues by approximately $4,000.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

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

2. Interested persons were given proper notice and an opportunity to request a public hearing on this matter.

3. The resulting rate levels are reasonable and just.

ORDER

1. The rates set forth in Appendix "A" attached and by this reference incorporated herein are authorized.

2. The rates shall be effective for all water services rendered on and after November 24, 1980.

DONE IN OPEN SESSION in Helena, Montana on November 24, 1980 by a 5 - 0 vote.

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BY ORDER OF THE MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION.

James R. Shea, Commissioner

Clyde Jarvis, Commissioner

Thomas J. Schneider, Commissioner

George Turman, Commissioner

Gordon E. Bollinger, Chairman

ATTEST:

Madeline L. Cottrill
Secretary

(SEAL)

NOTE: You may be 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. 2-4-702, MCA, and Commission Rules of Practice and Procedure, esp 38.2.4806, ARM.

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APPENDIX "A"

Rate:	$ 3.50 per month:	Single unit homes, apartments, trailers, service stations
	$ 2.00 per month:	Churches, post office, clubroom (Depot), liquor stores, water air conditioners
	$ 6.00 per month:	Hotels
	$ 2.50 per month:	Per machine-laundromats, beauty shops
	$ 5.50 per month:	Cafes, taverns
	$ 4.50 per month:	Grocery stores
	$35.00 per month per building:	Schools, except in June, July, August rate is $12.00 per month per building
	$ 3.00 per month:	Horse pastures

Prompt Payment Discount: N/A

Minimum Bill: $2.00 per month

Special Terms and Conditions: A 10% late fee is assessed if payment is not made within the next quarter from billing.

SPRINKLING

Rate: $4.00 for each 25 foot lot, per season
School District - $40 per season