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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 BELLE CREEK GAS COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATION To Increase Natural Gas Rates And Charges To Consumers In Its Belle Creek, Montana Service Area.	UTILITY DIVISION DOCKET NO. 84.6.35 ORDER NO. 5079a

On June 22, 1984, Belle Creek Gas Cooperative Association (Applicant) filed an application with the Montana Public Service Commission for an order authorizing the Applicant to increase gas rates to provide revenues to defray increased costs of purchased gas.

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 to be held, if requested, was sent to all consumers connected to the Belle Creek Gas Cooperative system. The notice stated that if no requests for a public hearing were received by February 20, 1985, an appropriate order may be issued based upon evidence submitted with the application.

2. No protests or requests for public hearing were received and no hearing was scheduled.

3. The Applicant alleges it needs additional revenue to provide for increased costs of purchased gas.

4. The Applicant anticipates that the proposed rates will increase annual revenues by approximately $19,163.

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

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

2. The rates approved herein shall be effective for services rendered on and after March 11, 1985.

DONE IN OPEN SESSION at Helena, Montana on the 11th day of March, 1985 by a 5-0 vote.

APPENDIX "A"

Rates

Metered gas will be sold to consumers at the rate of $7.00 per MCF

Minimum charge will be $15.00 per unit per month.

BY ORDER OF THE MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION.

Clyde Jarvis, Chairman

Danny Oberg, Commissioner

Howard L. Ellis, Commissioner

Tom Monahan, Commissioner

John B. Driscoll, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Trenna Scoffield
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.