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Service Date: January 3, 1985

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 OPHEIM For Authority To Adopt Increased Water Rates.)	UTILITY DIVISON DOCKET NO. 84.9.55 DEFAULT ORDER NO. 5110

On September 12, 1984, the Town of Opheim (Applicant) filed an application with the Montana Public Service Commission for an order authorizing the Applicant to increase its water rates to provide revenues to defray increased costs of operation, to maintain and repair the existing system and to meet increased capital expenditures.

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 December 5, 1984 edition of the Great Falls Tribune and the December 6, 1984 edition of the Glasgow Courier. The notice stated that if no requests for a public hearing were received by December 28, 1984 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 June 5, 1984, the Town Council of the Town of Opheim passed Resolution No. 2-1984 setting water rates at the proposed

level.

4. The Town alleges it needs additional revenue to meet increased capital expenditures and to cover increased operation and maintenance expense.

5. The Town anticipates that the proposed rates will increase annual revenues by approximately $2,575.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Commission has jurisdiction over parties and proceedings.

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 Town of Opheim is authorized to implement a monthly rate of $10.00 per connection.

2. These rates shall be effective for services rendered on and after January 1, 1985.

DONE IN OPEN SESSION at Helena, Montana on the 21st day of December, 1984 by a 4-0 vote.

BY ORDER OF THE MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION.

Thomas J. Schneider, Chairman

Clyde Jarvis, Commissioner

Howard L. Ellis, Commissioner

Danny Oberg, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Laura Bird, Acting Secretary

Madeline L. Cottrill
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 38.2.4806, ARM.