Service Date: April 29, 1986

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 TREASURE STATE PIPELINE For Authority To Decrease Rates and Charge For Natural Gas Service.	))))	UTILITY DIVISION DOCKET NO. 85.12.55 ORDER NO. 5177a

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Treasure State Pipeline (Applicant) applied to this Commission for an order authorizing a decrease in the rates Applicant charges for natural gas service. The application sought authority to decrease rates in order to reflect all cost decreases resulting from rate decreases granted The Montana Power Company (Company) in Docket No. 85.12.52.

2. On December 19, 1985, the Commission's Interim Order No. 5174 granted the Company a natural gas rate decrease.

3. On April 14, 1986, the Commission, by vote of 3-0, adopted Default Order No. 5174a that made Interim Order No. 5174 a final order.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Treasure State Pipeline is a public utility furnishing natural gas to consumers in the State of Montana. As such, it is subject to supervision, regulation and control of the Commission, Section 69-3-101.

2. The Montana Public Service Commission properly exercises jurisdiction over the Applicant's Montana operations pursuant to Title 69, Chapter 3, MCA.

ORDER

1. Rates approved on an interim basis are hereby made permanent.

DONE IN OPEN SESSION at Helena, Montana this 28th day of April, 1986, by a 5 - 0 vote.

BY ORDER OF THE MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

CLYDE JARVIS, Chairman

HOWARD L. ELLIS, Commissioner

TOM MONAHAN, Commissioner

DANNY OBERG, Commissioner

JOHN B. DRISCOLL, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Trenna Scoffield
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.