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Service Date: October 22, 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 EUREKA For Authority To Adopt Increased Sewer Rates.	UTILITY DIVISION DOCKET NO. 85.8.36 DEFAULT ORDER NO. 5158

On August 20, 1985, the Town of Eureka (Applicant) filed an application with the Montana Public Service Commission for an order authorizing the Applicant to increase its sewer 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 September 10, 1985 edition of the Daily Inter Lake, Kalispell, Montana and the September 13, 1985 edition of the Kootenai Valley Eagle, Libby, Montana, the September 13, 1985 edition of the Western News, Libby, Montana, and the September 12, 1985 edition of the Tobacco Valley News, Eureka, Montana. The notice stated that if no requests for a public hearing were received by October 5, 1985 an appropriated 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 3, 1985, the Town Council of the Town of Eureka passed Resolution No. 378 setting sewer 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 $28,100.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Commission has jurisdiction over parties and proceedings.

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

3. The resulting rate levels are reasonable and just.

ORDER

1. The Town of Eureka is authorized to implement the sewer rates filed with its application.

2. These rates shall be effective for services rendered on and after October 21, 1985.

DONE IN OPEN SESSION at Helena, Montana on the 21st day of October, 1985 by a 4-0 vote.

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BY ORDER OF THE MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Clyde Jarvis, Chairman

Howard L. Ellis, Commissioner

Tom Monahan, Commissioner

Danny Oberg, 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 38.2.406, ARM.