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Service Date: April 22, 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 the TOWN OF EKALAKA For Authority to Increase Water Rates and Charges.)	UTILITY DIVISION DOCKET NO. 86.2.5 DEFAULT ORDER NO. 5196

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On February 13, 1986, the Town of Ekalaka (Town or 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 and to maintain and repair existing systems.

Having considered the application and documentation furnished by the 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 published in the March 21, 1986 edition of the Ekalaka Eagle and the March 18, 1986 edition of the Miles City Star. The notice stated that if no requests for a public hearing were received by April 14, 1986 an appropriate order may be issued based upon the evidence submitted with the application.

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

3. The Town Council of the Town of Ekalaka passed Resolution No. 190 setting water rates at the proposed level.

4. The Town alleges it needs additional revenue to provide for increased costs of operation and to adequately maintain the existing system.

5. The Town anticipates that the proposed rates will increase annual revenues by approximately $18,700.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

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

2. The resulting rate levels are reasonable and just.

ORDER

1. The rates as filed by the Town with its application are authorized.

2. These rates shall be effective for all water services rendered on and after April 21, 1986.

DONE IN OPEN SESSION at Helena, Montana on this 21st day of April, 1986 by a vote of 5 to 0 .

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

(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.