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**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF UTAH**

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In the Matter of the Application of Rocky Mountain Power for Authority To Increase its Retail Electric Utility Service Rates in Utah and for Approval of Its Proposed Electric Service Schedules and Electric Service Regulations, Consisting of a General Rate Increase of Approximately \$161.2 Million Per Year, and for Approval of a New Large Load Surcharge	)	)	)
	)	DOCKET NO. 07-035- _____	)
	)	<b>APPLICATION</b>	)
	)	<b>(EXPEDITED</b>	)
	)	<b>TREATMENT REQUESTED)</b>	)

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**APPLICATION TO OPEN DOCKET AND  
FOR ISSUANCE OF A PROTECTIVE ORDER**

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Rocky Mountain Power (or the “Company”) hereby makes application to the Public Service Commission of Utah (the “Commission”) to open a docket for purposes of Rocky Mountain Power’s general rate case application that the Company anticipates filing on or about December 17, 2007.

In addition, Rocky Mountain Power, pursuant to Utah Rule of Civil Procedure 26 and the rules of practice and procedure for the Public Service Commission of Utah (the “Commission”), hereby makes application to the Commission for the issuance of a protective order in the form attached hereto as Exhibit A. Rocky Mountain Power requests that the Commission issue this protective order on an expedited basis. The grounds for this application are as follows:

1. The opening of a docket and issuance of the proposed protective order on an expedited basis will facilitate the disclosure of information by the Company when it makes its general rate case application and will also facilitate the future exchange of information among the parties to this docket by affording proper protection to information the disclosing party deems to be valuable, confidential, trade secret, and proprietary business information (“Confidential Information”).

2. Rocky Mountain Power anticipates filing a general rate case application on or about December 17, 2007 and, pursuant to the Stipulation on Revenue Requirement and Rate Spread approved by this Commission in Docket No. 06-035-21, Rocky Mountain Power will also be serving responses to a master set of data requests concurrently therewith. Both the Company’s application and some of the responses refer to Confidential Information and that the Company will provide this information upon the Commission issuing a protective order in this proceeding. Entry of the proposed protective order on an expedited basis will facilitate the exchange of this information at the time of filing the Company’s general rate case application.

3. The proposed protective order is fair and equitable to all parties and provides the parties and the Commission with access to information while allowing for

the protection of the integrity of confidential information. The issuance of the proposed protective order will also afford protection to the Commission as well as parties to this docket who might review the information and subsequently be requested to reveal its contents inasmuch as the proposed protective order sets forth parameters for the use and disclosure of Confidential Information.

4. The proposed protective order is in substantially the same form as the protective order template that was issued by the Commission August 8, 2007.

WHEREFORE, Rocky Mountain Power respectfully requests that the Commission open a new docket for purposes of Rocky Mountain Power's anticipated general rate case filing and issue the proposed protective order in the form attached hereto as Exhibit A on an expedited basis.

DATED this \_\_\_\_ day of December 2007.

Respectfully submitted,

ROCKY MOUNTAIN POWER

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## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on this \_\_\_\_ day of December 2007, I caused to be e-mailed a true and correct copy of the foregoing Application to Open Docket and for Issuance of a Protective order of Rocky Mountain Power to the following:

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