

- 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 )  
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) DOCKET NO. 07-035-93  
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) AMENDMENT TO AND MODIFICATION  
) OF DECEMBER 27, 2007  
) SCHEDULING ORDER  
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ISSUED: January 9, 2008

By the Commission:

After further review of the material presented by Rocky Mountain Power in support of its Application, consideration of the issues likely to be presented and disputed by anticipated parties, and review and consideration of the Commission's past experience with evidentiary hearings in adjudicative proceedings with multi-party and multi-witness participation, the Commission has concluded that it will amend and modify the Scheduling Order previously issued December 27, 2007.

One amendment and modification relates to telephone conference call participation at evidentiary hearings which were set in the December 27, 2007, Scheduling Order. The Commission has concluded to vacate and eliminate the following language which is found on page 7 of the December 27, 2007, Scheduling Order:

The Commission will attempt to accommodate a party or a witness who needs to participate at a hearing through a telephone conference call. Such arrangements will be made through Julie Orchard, Commission Secretary, at 160 East 300 South, Salt Lake City, Utah 84111, (801) 530-6713, prior to the hearing.

The Commission has concluded that counsel or parties' representatives who wish to participate in examination of witnesses at an evidentiary hearing will need to be present in the hearing room for such examination. The Commission has also concluded that witness testimony, to the extent it is intended to be offered to the Commission as evidence to support resolution of a disputed issue, will also be presented by a witness who is present in the hearing room at an evidentiary hearing. No telephone conference call participation for witness presentation or witness examination will be permitted at an evidentiary hearing in this docket. The Commission intends to provide live internet broadcast of evidentiary hearings for interested persons to be able to hear the proceedings without needing to be present in the hearing room. The Commission has concluded that this amendment and modification will assist the Commission in conducting the evidentiary hearings in an orderly and efficient manner, aid in creating an accurate record of the proceedings of an evidentiary hearing, provide the Commission and counsel the opportunity to observe witnesses while testifying, and aid in witnesses making a clear and understandable presentation of their testimony and in responding to examination. The Commission anticipates a continuation of telephone conference call participation at other meetings (non-evidentiary) scheduled in the December 27, 2007, Scheduling Order, e.g., the January 29, 2008, settlement conference.

The second amendment and modification the Commission makes to the December 27, 2007, Scheduling Order is to move the rate spread aspects of this case from the revenue requirement phase to the cost of service phase. We will not consider the rate spread (how the overall revenue requirement is to be allocated to the various customer classes to generate a class' allocated revenue requirement) in the Phase I (Revenue Requirement) portion

of these proceedings, but will do so in the Phase II (Cost of Service) portion. Parties and witnesses who wish to address the rate spread aspects of this general rate case will follow that portion of the schedule pertaining to the Phase II (Cost of Service) portion for testimony filing dates and hearing dates.

We direct the parties to consider how the Commission would implement any revenue requirement change determined appropriate in Phase I relative to the Commission's resolution of the matters to be addressed in Phase II of these proceedings. We direct the parties to explore possible settlement and stipulation on how to effect a revenue requirement change ordered by the Commission in Phase I prior to or subsequent to when a Commission order issues to resolve Phase II matters.

ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

1. The following language, found on page 7 of the December 27, 2007,

Scheduling Order is vacated and struck from that order:

The Commission will attempt to accommodate a party or a witness who needs to participate at a hearing through a telephone conference call. Such arrangements will be made through Julie Orchard, Commission Secretary, at 160 East 300 South, Salt Lake City, Utah 84111, (801) 530-6713, prior to the hearing.

2. The Commission will schedule and consider rate spread matters pursuant to the Phase II (Cost of Service) schedule.

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DATED at Salt Lake City, Utah, this 9<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2008.

/s/ Ted Boyer, Chairman

/s/ Ric Campbell, Commissioner

/s/ Ron Allen, Commissioner

Attest:

/s/ Julie Orchard  
Commission Secretary  
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