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Rocky Mountain Power files for rate increase

BOISE, Idaho – Rocky Mountain Power today filed with the Idaho Public Utilities Commission for a rate increase of \$5.9 million, or 4.0 percent overall. After the Commission's review and ruling, the new rates would likely take effect in spring 2009. The proposed rate increase is designed to cover the dramatically increasing cost of serving residential, commercial and irrigation customers.

"The proposed increase is needed as the result of the company's need to meet the increasing cost for electricity," said Richard Walje, president, Rocky Mountain Power. "As the need for electricity has grown, the company has made large investments in new infrastructure and facilities. In addition, costs have increased for fuel and purchased power to serve customers."

Walje said if the company's proposal is approved, residential customers would see a 4.73 percent price increase. For the average residential home using 850 kilowatt hours per month, that equates to an increase of approximately \$3.55 per month.

The Commission will study the company's proposal during the coming months and must approve the proposed changes before they can take effect. The public will have opportunity to comment on the proposal during the rate-making process. A copy of the company's application is available for public review at the commission offices in Boise and at the company's offices in Rexburg, Preston, Shelley and Montpelier. It is expected that a decision will be reached sometime during the spring of 2009.

Rocky Mountain Power is a division of PacifiCorp serving more than 69,000 customers in southeast Idaho. The company is committed to delivering safe and reliable electrical service to its customers while maintaining its position as a low-cost provider in the region.