
**AN ORDINANCE GRANTING AN ELECTRIC UTILITY FRANCHISE
AND GENERAL UTILITY EASEMENT
TO
ROCKY MOUNTAIN POWER
ORDINANCE # 545**

WHEREAS, Rocky Mountain Power, is a regulated public utility that provides electric power and energy to the citizens of Roberts City (the “City”) and other surrounding areas;

WHEREAS, providing electrical power and energy requires the installation, operation and maintenance of power poles and other related facilities to be located within the public ways of the City;

WHEREAS, the City desires to set forth the terms and conditions by which Rocky Mountain Power shall use the public ways of the City;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it ordained by the City:

SECTION 1. Grant of Franchise and General Utility Easement. The City hereby grants to Rocky Mountain Power the right, privilege and authority to construct, maintain, operate, upgrade, and relocate its electrical distribution and transmission lines and related appurtenances, including underground conduits and structures, poles, towers, wires, guy anchors, vaults, transformers, transmission lines, and communication lines (collectively referred to herein as “Electric Facilities”) in, under, along, over and across the present and future streets, alleys, public ways and public places (collectively referred to herein as “Public Ways”) within the City, for the purpose of supplying and transmitting electric power and energy to the inhabitants of the City and persons and corporations beyond the limits thereof.

SECTION 2. Term. The term of this Franchise and General Utility Easement is for Fifty (50) years commencing on the date of acceptance by the Company as set forth in Section 3 below.

SECTION 3. Acceptance by Company. Within sixty (60) days after the passage of this ordinance by the City, Rocky Mountain Power shall file an unqualified written acceptance thereof, with the City Clerk otherwise the ordinance and the rights granted herein shall be null and void.

SECTION 4. Non-Exclusive Franchise. The right to use and occupy the Public Ways of the City shall be nonexclusive and the City reserves the right to use the Public Ways for itself or any other entity that provides service to City residences; provided, however, that such use shall not unreasonably interfere with Rocky Mountain Power’s Electric Facilities or Rocky Mountain Power’s rights as granted herein.

SECTION 5. City Regulatory Authority. In addition to the provision herein contained, the City reserves the right to adopt such additional ordinances and regulations as may be deemed necessary in the exercise of its police power for the protection of the health, safety and welfare of its citizens and their properties or exercise any other rights, powers, or duties required or authorized, under the Constitution of the State of Idaho, the laws of Idaho or City Ordinance.

SECTION 6. Indemnification. The City shall in no way be liable or responsible for any loss or damage to property or any injury to, or death, of any person that may occur in the construction, operation or maintenance by Rocky Mountain Power of its Electric Facilities. Rocky Mountain Power shall indemnify, defend and hold the City harmless from and against claims, demands, liens and all liability or damage of whatsoever kind on account of Rocky Mountain Power's use of the Public Ways within the City, and shall pay the costs of defense plus reasonable attorneys' fees for any claim, demand or lien brought thereunder. The City shall: (a) give prompt written notice to Rocky Mountain Power of any claim, demand or lien with respect to which the City seeks indemnification hereunder; and (b) permit Rocky Mountain Power to assume the defense of such claim, demand, or lien. If such defense is not assumed by Rocky Mountain Power, Rocky Mountain Power shall not be subject to liability for any settlement made without its consent. Notwithstanding any provision hereof to the contrary, Rocky Mountain Power shall not be obligated to indemnify, defend or hold the City harmless to the extent any claim, demand or lien arises out of or in connection with any negligent or willful act or failure to act of the City or any of its officers or employees.

SECTION 7. Annexation.

7.1 Extension of City Limits. Upon the annexation of any territory to the City, the rights granted herein shall extend to the annexed territory to the extent the City has such authority. All Electrical Facilities owned, maintained, or operated by Rocky Mountain Power located within any public ways of the annexed territory shall thereafter be subject to all of the terms hereof.

7.2 Notice of Annexation. When any territory is approved for annexation to the City, the City shall, not later than ten (10) working days after passage of an ordinance approving the proposed annexation, provide by certified mail to Rocky Mountain Power: (a) each site address to be annexed as recorded on county assessment and tax rolls; (b) a legal description of the proposed boundary change; and (c) a copy of the City's ordinance approving the proposed annexation. The notice shall be mailed to:

Rocky Mountain Power Customer Contact Center
Attn: Annexations
P.O. Box 400
Portland, Oregon 97207-0400