

Service Date: October 30, 2001

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE REGULATION
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

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IN THE MATTER of the Petition of)	UTILITY DIVISION
THOMPSON RIVER CO-GEN, LLC)	
for PSC Review and Comment on)	DOCKET NO. D2001.10.137
Power Purchase Agreement with)	ORDER NO. 6383
Montana Power Company)	

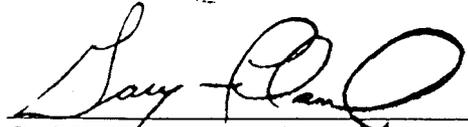
PROTECTIVE ORDER

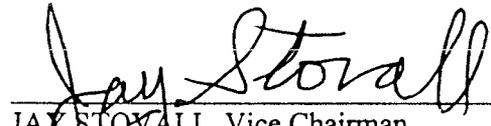
On October 15, 2001 Thompson River Co-Gen, LLC (Thompson River) filed a Motion for Protective Order to govern "access to proprietary and confidential information contained in the Power Purchase Agreement ("Agreement")." Thompson River requested that the Protective Order "be broad enough to encompass all proprietary information that may be shared or discussed during the course of this Docket[.]"

The Montana Public Service Commission (Commission) determines that certain information in the Agreement could be confidential and subject to protection from public disclosure pursuant to Montana law. In addition, other information provided in this docket may be proprietary. Such information, designated proprietary by the provider and filed on yellow paper pursuant to ARM 38.2.5015, will be protected by this Order and ARM 38.2.5010. Therefore, the Commission grants Thompson River's motion and hereby orders that information submitted in accordance with this Order be treated as "confidential information" under the terms of this Order and ARM 38.2.5001-5030 (available on the web at http://psc.state.mt.us/pdf/Sub_50_Protective_orders.pdf).

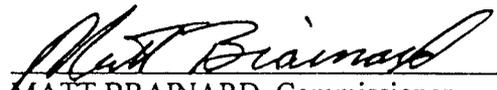
DONE AND DATED this 23rd day of October, 2001, by a vote of 4-1.

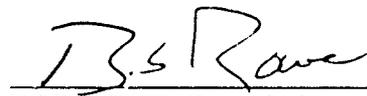
BY ORDER OF THE MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION


GARY FELAND, Chairman


JAY STOVALL, Vice Chairman


BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner
Voting to Dissent


MATT BRAINARD, Commissioner


BOB ROWE, Commissioner

ATTEST:


Rhonda J. Simmons
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

NOTE: There is no reconsideration of the granting of a protective order. There is a procedure to challenge the provider's claim of confidentiality. See ARM 38.2.5008. Reconsideration of a denial of a protective order is available in accordance with ARM 38.2.4806.