

**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
June 11, 2008**

**ORDER GRANTING CONFIDENTIAL TREATMENT  
UNDER THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

**Novastar Financial, Inc.**

**File No. 001-13533 CF# 22182**

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Novastar Financial, Inc. submitted an application under Rule 24b-2 requesting confidential treatment for information it excluded from an Exhibit to a Form 10-Q filed on May 19, 2008.

Based on representations by Novastar Financial, Inc. that this information qualifies as confidential commercial or financial information under the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. 552(b)(4), the Division of Corporation Finance has determined not to publicly disclose it. Accordingly, excluded information from the following exhibit will not be released to the public for the time period specified:

Exhibit 10.55                      through October 1, 2008

For the Commission, by the Division of Corporation Finance, pursuant to delegated authority:

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Special Counsel