Supplemental Material

Table S1. Gene expression changes in different growth phases as determined by microarray
analysis. Relative changes (log₂ ratios) were calculated in comparison to exponential phase.
The dataset contains columns with following information from left to right: Gene Annotation
(RSP), COG cluster, Gene Name, Description, 28 h after inoculation (early stationary phase)
and the following outgrowth, 72 h after inoculation (late stationary phase) and the following
outgrowth, 72 h after inoculation (late stationary phase) and the following outgrowth in strain
Δ*rpoHI*, and RpoH dependency as identified elsewhere (1-3).

Table S2. Strains and oligonucleotides used throughout this study.12

Strain	Relevant features		Reference
Rhodobacter sphaeroides 2.4.1	Wild type		(4)
2.4.1∆ <i>rpoHI</i>	Km ^r , <i>rpoHI</i> deletion strain		(2)
2.4.1∆rpoHII	Sp ^r , <i>rpoHII</i> deletion strain		(1)
$2.4.1\Delta rpoHI/\Delta rpoHII$	Sp ^r , Km ^r , <i>rpoHI/II</i> double deletion strain		(2)
$2.4.1\Delta rpoHI(pRK2.4.1rpoHI)$	Km ^r , Tc ^r , complementation of <i>rpoHI</i>		(2)
	deletion strain		
Oligonucleotide	Sequence	Efficiency	Reference
rpoHI_RT-A	5'-GATCGCCAAGGATCT-3'	•	(1)
<i>rpoHI_</i> RT-B	5'-CTGGTCGCTGTCTTCA-3'	1.82	(1)
rpoHII_RT-A	5'-GCCGATGAACGACCTGAT-3'		(1)
<i>rpoHII_</i> RT-B	5'-AAGAACAGCGCCTTCTGG-3'	1.93	(1)

22 **Table S3.** Mapping of RNA sequencing reads to the genome of *R. sphaeroides*.



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Figure S1. The scatter plots showing the comparison between two biological replicates of the log₂ expression value. (**A**) wild type early stationary phase (28 h); (**B**) wild type outgrowth 20 min after dilution from early stationary phase; (**C**) wild type outgrowth 90 min after dilution from early stationary phase; (**D**) wild type late stationary phase (72 h); (**E**) wild type outgrowth 20 min after dilution from late stationary phase; (**F**) wild type outgrowth 90 min after dilution from late stationary phase; (**G**) Δ *rpoHI* late stationary phase (72 h); (**H**) Δ *rpoHI* outgrowth 20

31 min after dilution from late stationary phase. Pearson correlation (r) is indicated. For a complete

32 list of genes and information on their functions, see Table S1.

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Figure S2. Classification of genes with decreased transcript levels (fold change < -1.6) in early
stationary phase based on designation of COG. C - Energy production and conversion; D - Cell
cycle control; E - Amino Acid metabolism and transport; H - Coenzyme metabolism; JTranslation; M - Cell wall/membrane/envelop biogenesis; O - Post-translational modification;
S - Function Unknown.



42 **Figure S3.** Venn diagram of the 100 strongest regulated genes in the respective growth phase.

43 Genes, whith decreased (red) or increased transcript levels (green) in early stationary phase (28

44 h), late stationary phase (72 h) or 20 minutes of outgrowth (out 20').



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Figure S4. Distribution and expression kinetics of the whole transcriptome in the outgrowth phase of wild type cells. Cells were cultivated for 28 h (A) or 72 h (B), respectively. Relative changes of RNA levels in different growth phase were monitored by microarray analysis of total RNA and compared to exponential phase. Changes were illustrated as heat-maps with a color code ranging from -2 (red) to 2 (green) log₂ ratio. Venn Diagram of induced genes (log₂ FC > 0.65) are shown in green, repressed genes (log₂ FC < -0.65) shown in red.



Figure S5. Correlation between outgrowth phase and photooxidative stress. Scatter-plots represent pairwise comparisons of \log_2 ratios between cells from the outgrowth phase from late stationary phase and cells grown under photooxidative stress conditions (aerobically grown cultures were treated with 0.2 µM methylene blue in the presence of 800 Wm⁻² white light) for 7 min, 45 min, or 90 min (5). Pearson correlation (*r*) is given for every comparison. For a complete list of genes and information on their functions, see Table S1.



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Figure S6. Growth curves and ROS measurements for *R. sphaeroides* wild type 2.4.1 (continuous black line), 2.4.1 Δ *rpoHI* (dashed black line), 2.4.1 Δ *rpoHII* (continuous grey line), and 2.4.1 Δ *rpoHI/rpoHII* (dashed grey line). Cells were grown for 72 h and thereupon diluted into fresh medium to an OD of 0.2. (**A**) The optical density at 660 nm (OD₆₆₀) was determined over time. (**B**) ROS levels were measured over time and normalized to the respective OD.

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Figure S7. Outgrowth 28 h and 48 h after inoculation (A) Growth curves of R. sphaeroides 69 70 wild type 2.4.1 (continuous black line), 2.4.1 $\Delta rpoHI$ (dashed black line), and 2.4.1 $\Delta rpoHII$ 71 (grey line). Cells were grown for 28 h and thereupon diluted into fresh medium to an OD of 72 0.2. The optical density at 660 nm (OD₆₆₀) was determined over time. (**B**) Growth curves of R. 73 sphaeroides wild type 2.4.1 (continuous black line), 2.4.1 $\Delta rpoHI$ (dashed black line), and 74 2.4.1\(\Delta\)rpoHI(pRK2.4.1rpoHI) (dashed grey line). Cells were grown for 48 h and thereupon 75 diluted into fresh medium to an OD of 0.2. The optical density at 660 nm (OD_{660}) was 76 determined over time.

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