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Re : Tracking Nunmber QW-2008-0010  
Tri-States Utility, Inc.

Dear Keith :

Confirming our recent discussions, the above-referenced Tracking Number reflects the small company revenue increase request for water service initiated by Tri-States Utility, Inc. ("Company") under the provisions of existing Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-3.635. Under Subparagraph (1) (F) of this Rule, any agreement regarding the disposition of the Company's request must be reached and tariff sheets filed within one-hundred fifty (150) days from the date the letter initiating the case was filed, recognizing that such time period may be extended with the consent of the company.

As previously discussed, an Order of Rulemaking addressing Small Utility Rate Case Procedure (4 CSR 240-3.050) has been published in the April 1<sup>st</sup> *Missouri Register*, and will become effective thirty (30) days after publication in the *Code of State Regulations* (i.e., effective May 30, 2008). This new rule provides that "[n]o later than ninety (90) days after a case is opened, the staff shall provide a preliminary report of its investigation and audit to the utility and public counsel." (Paragraph (9)). Paragraph (12) of the new rule provides that "[t]he staff and the small utility may agree that the deadlines set out in section (9), (10) and (11) be extended for up to two (2) months. If an extension is agreed upon, the staff shall file a written agreement regarding the extension and an updated timeline reflecting the extension in the case file."

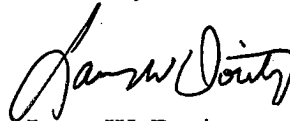
While the new Small Utility Rate Case Procedure rule is not yet effective, the Company understands that the Staff intends to utilize, on an informal basis, the rule's new time-frames in processing this proceeding. Accordingly, the deadline for the Staff's 90-day preliminary report would be April 30, 2008.

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The purpose of this letter is to confirm that Company hereby requests that the Staff have an additional 60 days beyond April 30, 2008 to complete its preliminary report and, as a result, agrees to extend the 150-day deadline by a similar 60-day period. In compliance with 4 CSR 240-3.635(1)(F), Company will file the written consent with its tariff.

Thank you for your continued assistance and cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,



Larry W. Dority

cc: Mr. Jim Russo  
Ms. Sharon Epps  
Mr. Terry McCullough