# BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Application of Terre Du	)	
Lac Utilities Corporation Request for a Small	)	Case No. SR-2009-0219
Utility Rate Increase.	)	

#### **AMENDED TIMELINE**

**COMES NOW** the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff), by and through the undersigned counsel, and for its Amended Timeline states the following:

- 1. Staff and Terre Du Lac Utilities Corporation have agreed to an extension of time within this case to give further time to process, negotiate, and evaluate Staff's auditing and investigation information.
  - 2. Pursuant to Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-3.050(12):

The staff and the small utility may agree that the deadlines set out in sections (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.

3. Attached as Appendix A is the Amended Timeline which accounts for a thirty (30) day extension, with changes to the original timeline shown after day 100 and as of day 150, and revises the rest of the timeline for the thirty day extension.

**WHEREFORE**, Staff respectfully submits this Amended Timeline and pleading pursuant to Commission Rule 3.050(12).

Respectfully Submitted,

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# **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of this Amended Timeline has been provided, either by first-class mail, by electronic mail, by facsimile transmission or by hand-delivery, to each attorney and/or party of record for this case on this 14<sup>th</sup> day of April 2009.

/s/ Shelley Syler Brueggemann

# Small Utility Rate Case Timeline With 30 Day Extension

## MO PSC Case No. SR-2009-0219

Utility Name & Contact Info Terre Du Lac Utilities Corporation

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Date Case Opened November 21, 2008

Agreement Filing Due Date April 20, 2009

9-Month Deadline August 21, 2009

11-Month Deadline October 21, 2009

Set out on the following pages is the activities timeline pertaining to the processing of the above-referenced small utility revenue increase request. This timeline assumes that the Staff's investigation of the revenue increase request will result in a conclusion that an increase in the subject utility's operating revenues is needed, that at least the Utility and Staff will reach an agreement regarding the overall resolution of the request without the need for time extensions, and that the request will be resolved without an arbitration process being used or an evidentiary hearing being held. For cases where an arbitration process is going to be used or an evidentiary hearing is going to be held, it is anticipated that a procedural schedule will be set when that becomes known. In such instances, the 9-month and 11-month deadlines will need to be considered in setting the procedural schedule.

The schedule set out in the timeline establishes the Target Due Date for the completion of certain activities needed to process the request in a timely manner. Extensions of the disposition agreement filing deadline, which is 150 days after the date the utility files its request, and certain other deadlines are allowed (and under some circumstances are required) and if executed will result in changes to the timeline. Agreements for such extensions, which are limited to a maximum of 60 days, will be reduced to writing and filed in the case file, along with an updated timeline.

The entries in the Target Day column represent the number of days from the date the utility filed its request. The entries in the Target Due Date column show the date when the Target Day hits the calendar. To determine the entries for the Calendar Due Date column, Target Due Dates falling on a weekend or a holiday are moved to the next regular working day, except that the effective dates for pending revised tariff sheets cannot be adjusted.

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Target Day	Target Due Date	Calendar Due Date	Case Activity	Responsible "Party"
0	11/21/08	N/A	Request Letter Filed and Case Opened (agreement filing due date calculated from this date)	Utility
5	11/26/08	11/26/08	Compliance with Section 4 of Rule Confirmed (case can be dismissed in case of non-compliance)	Case Coordinator
7	11/28/08	12/01/08	Case Activities Timeline Filed in Case File	Case Coordinator
10	12/01/08	12/01/08	Draft of Initial Customer Notice Sent to Utility & OPC	Case Coordinator
			Letter Sent to Utility & OPC Regarding Expected Staff Activities and Identifying Participating Staff Members	Case Coordinator
20	12/11/08	12/11/08	Requests for Information Needed for Audit Communicated to Utility by Assigned Staff (if done in writing, copies also sent to OPC)	Assigned Staff
30	12/21/08	12/22/08	Initial Customer Notice Mailed to Customers (copy sent to Case Coordinator for filing in case file)	Utility
40	40 12/31/08 12/31/08	12/31/08	Responses to Requests for Information Provided to Staff by Utility (staff provides copies of information received to OPC)  OR Extension of Agreement Filing Due Date Agreed to by Utility OR Staff May File Motion to Dismiss Case	Utility & Assigned Staff
			Copy of Initial Customer Notice Filed in Case File	Case Coordinator
50	01/10/09	01/13/09	Follow-Up Requests for Information Communicated to Utility by Assigned Staff (if done in writing, copies also sent to OPC)	Assigned Staff
60	01/20/09	01/20/09	End of Response Period for Initial Customer Notice	N/A
70	01/30/09	01/30/09	Responses to Follow-Up Requests for Information Provided to Staff by Utility (staff provides copies of information received to the OPC) <b>OR</b> Extension of Agreement Filing Due Date Agreed to by Utility <b>OR</b> Staff May File Motion to Dismiss Case	Utility & Assigned Staff; Case Coordinator
75 02/04/09	02/04/09	Deadline for Completion of Construction Projects to be Included in Case <b>OR</b> Agreement Filing Due Date Extended So Projects Can be Included in Case	Utility; Case Coordinator	
			Continued Compliance with Section 4 of Rule Confirmed (case can be dismissed in case of non-compliance)	Case Coordinator
		Unless Notified Otherwise, or Unless Extensions Have Been Agreed Upon, Utility & OPC Can Assume the Process is On-Track for Timely Completion	Case Coordinator	

Target Day	Target Due Date	Calendar Due Date	Case Activity	Responsible "Party"	;
80	02/09/09	02/09/09	Basic Audit/Investigation Work Completed	Assigned Staff	
85	02/14/09	02/16/09	Initial Audit/Investigation Reports Completed and Provided to Case Coordinator	Assigned Staff	
90	02/19/09	02/19/09	Overview of Staff's Initial Audit/Investigation Results Provided to the Utility & OPC	Case Coordinator	
100	03/01/09	03/02/09	Utility & OPC Submit Responses Regarding Staff's Case Overview to Case Coordinator (errors/ommissions to be identified and suggested changes to be included) OR Staff Assumes Information Provided is Acceptable (Staff's audit considered "complete" at this time)	Utility & OPC	
150	04/20/09	04/20/09	Staff's Settlement Proposal Packet Sent to Utility & OPC and Arrangements Made for Conference Call or Meeting to Discuss the Proposal	Case Coordinator	
160	04/30/09	04/30/09	Conference Call or Meeting Held with Utility & OPC to Discuss Staff's Settlement Proposal	Utility, OPC & Staff	
165 05/05/09 05/05/09	05/05/09	Utility & OPC Notify Staff of Whether They Agree with the Settlement Proposal (if not, the reasons for that and suggested changes to the settlement proposal documents are provided to the Case Coordinator)	Utility & OPC		
		Utility Must Respond <b>OR</b> Agree to Extension of Agreement Filing Due Date <b>OR</b> Staff May File Motion to Dismiss Case	Utility; Case Coordinator		
170 05/10/09 05/	05/11/09	Agreed-Upon Changes to Settlement Proposal Documents Completed and Final Disposition Agreement Sent to Company for Signing (copy also sent to OPC; OPC may or may not sign)	Case Coordinator		
		Continued Compliance with Section 4 of Rule Confirmed (case can be dismissed in case of non-compliance)	Case Coordinator		
175 05/15/09 05/15	05/15/09	Signed Disposition Agreement Returned to Staff	Utility; OPC (if applicable)		
		Staff Sends Revised Tariff Sheets and Draft Tariff Filing Transmittal Letter to the Utility	Case Coordinator		
180	05/20/09	05/20/09	Staff Files Executed Disposition Agreement	Case Coordinator	

Activities needed from this point forward vary based on the approach taken by the OPC. The next three sections set out the activities needed based on the different OPC approaches that are possible.

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This section pertains to the situation where the Utility, Staff & OPC reach an agreement on the overall disposition of the request, and is thus based on the fact that the Utility will not send out a second customer notice. In this situation, a minimum of 30 days is needed between the filing date and the proposed effective date of the Utility's tariff revisions. The dates shown assume that the Utility will make a 30-day tariff filing on Day 155.

Target Day	Target Due Date	Calendar Due Date	Case Activity	Responsible "Party"	Rule Section
185	05/25/09	05/25/09	Utility Files Necessary Tariff Revisions	Utility	13
195	06/04/09	06/04/09	Staff Recommendation Filed (includes confirmation of Utility's continued compliance with Section 4 of Rule <b>OR</b> motion for suspension of tariff revisions requesting correction of the deficiencies will be submitted)	Case Coordinator	
205	06/14/09	06/15/09	Order Approving Tariff Revisions Issued	Assigned RLJ	
215	06/24/09	06/24/09	Tariff Revisions Effective "On and After" this Date	N/A	13
220	06/29/09	06/29/09	Draft of Final Customer Notice Sent to Utility & OPC	Case Coordinator	
230	07/09/09	07/09/09	Final Customer Notice Mailed to Customers (copy sent to Case Coordinator for filing in case file)	Utility	22
240	07/19/09	07/20/09	Copy of Final Customer Notice Filed in Case File	Case Coordinator	22
245	07/24/09	07/24/09	Notice Closing Case Issued	Assigned RLJ	

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This section pertains to the situation where only the Utility and Staff reach an agreement on the overall disposition of the request, and is thus based on the fact that the Utility will send out a second customer notice. This section is also based on the assumption that the OPC will <u>not</u> request a local public hearing. In this situation, a minimum of 45 days is needed between the filing date and the proposed effective date of the Utility's tariff revisions. The dates shown assume that the Utility will make a 45-day tariff filing on Day 155.

Target Day	Target Due Date	Calendar Due Date	Case Activity	Responsible "Party"	Rule Section
180	05/20/09	05/20/09	Draft of Second Customer Notice Sent to Utility & OPC	Case Coordinator	
185	05/25/09	05/25/09	Utility Files Necessary Tariff Revisions	Utility	14
190	05/30/09	06/01/09	Second Customer Notice Mailed to Customers (copy sent to Case Coordinator for filing in case file)	Utility	14
200	06/09/09	06/09/09	Copy of Second Customer Notice Filed in Case File	Case Coordinator	14
210	06/19/09	06/22/09	End of Response Period for Second Customer Notice	N/A	14
215	06/24/09	06/24/09	OPC Files Its Position Statement	OPC	15
216	06/25/09	06/25/09	Staff Recommendation Filed (includes confirmation of Utility's continued compliance with Section 4 of Rule <b>OR</b> motion for suspension of tariff revisions requesting correction of the deficiencies will be submitted)	Case Coordinator	
220	06/29/09	06/29/09	Order Approving Tariff Revisions Issued	Assigned RLJ	
230	07/09/09	07/09/09	Tariff Revisions Effective "On and After" this Date	N/A	14
235	07/14/09	07/14/09	Draft of Final Customer Notice Sent to Utility & OPC	Case Coordinator	
245	07/24/09	07/24/09	Final Customer Notice Mailed to Customers (copy sent to Case Coordinator for filing in case file)	Utility	22
255	08/03/09	08/03/09	Copy of Final Customer Notice Filed in Case File	Case Coordinator	22
260	08/08/09	08/10/09	Notice Closing Case Issued	Assigned RLJ	

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Target Day	Target Due Date	Calendar Due Date	Case Activity	Responsible "Party"	Rule Section
180	05/20/09	05/20/09	Draft of Second Customer Notice Sent to Utility & OPC	Case Coordinator	
185	05/25/09	05/25/09	Utility Files Necessary Tariff Revisions	Utility	14
190	05/30/09	06/01/09	Second Customer Notice Mailed to Customers (copy sent to Case Coordinator for filing in case file)	Utility	14
200	06/09/09	06/09/09	Copy of Second Customer Notice Filed in Case File	Case Coordinator	14
210	06/19/09	06/22/09	End of Response Period for Second Customer Notice	N/A	
215	06/24/09	06/24/09	OPC Files Request for Local Public Hearing	OPC	15
220	06/29/09	06/29/09	Order Setting Local Public Hearing and Suspending Tariff Revisions Issued	Assigned RLJ	
225	07/04/09	07/06/09	Draft of LPH Customer Notice Sent to Utility & OPC	Case Coordinator	
230	07/09/09	07/09/09	Notice of Local Public Hearing Mailed to Customers (copy sent to Case Coordinator for filing in case file)	Utility	18
240	07/19/09	07/20/09	Copy of LPH Customer Notice Filed in Case File	Case Coordinator	18
245	07/24/09	07/24/09	Local Public Hearing Held	Assigned RLJ	
250	07/29/09	07/29/09	Staff Files Notice re: Possible Changes to the Disposition Agreement Based on Info Provided at the Local Public Hearing (includes motion to suspend tariff revisions if needed)	Case Coordinator	19
255	08/03/09	08/03/09	OPC Files Its Position Statement	OPC	19
256	08/04/09	08/04/09	Staff Recommendation Filed (includes confirmation of Utility's continued compliance with Section 4 of Rule <b>OR</b> motion for suspension of tariff revisions requesting correction of the deficiencies will be submitted)	Case Coordinator	
265	08/13/09	08/13/09	Order Approving Tariff Revisions Issued	Assigned RLJ	
275	08/23/09	08/24/09	Tariff Revisions Effective "On and After" this Date	N/A	14
280	08/28/09	08/28/09	Draft of Final Customer Notice Sent to Utility & OPC	Case Coordinator	
290	09/07/09	09/08/09	Final Customer Notice Mailed to Customers (copy sent to Case Coordinator for filing in case file)	Utility	22
300	09/17/09	09/17/09	Copy of Final Customer Notice Filed in Case File	Case Coordinator	22
305	09/22/09	09/22/09	Notice Closing Case Issued	Assigned RLJ	