# BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of Osage Water Company	)	
Small Company Rate Increase	)	Case No. SR-2009-0152

### 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. On February 9, 2009, the Commission granted Osage Water Company, Inc.'s (Osage Water or Company) motion for a sixty day extension.
- 2. Pursuant to 4 CSR 240-3.050 (12) the Staff is filing this understanding and Amended Timeline for the Commission's considerations in this case.
- 3. Attached as Appendix A is the Amended Timeline which accounts for a second customer notice, sent at day 90, and revises the rest of the timeline for the sixty day extension.
- 4. Osage Water and the Office of the Public Counsel have reviewed the proposed Amended Timeline and have informed Staff neither party objects to this Amended Timeline.

**WHEREFORE**, Staff respectfully submits this *Amended Timeline* for the Commission's information and consideration in this case.

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 13th day of February 2009.

/s/ Shelley Syler Brueggemann

# **Small Utility Rate Case Timeline-AMENDED**

## MO PSC Case No. SR-2009-0152

Utility Name & Contact Info

**Osage Water Company** 

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**Date Case Opened** 

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**Agreement Filing Due Date** 

October 23, 2008

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May 21, 2009 July 23, 2009

9-Month Deadline
11-Month Deadline

**September 23, 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"	Se
0	10/23/08	N/A	Request Letter Filed and Case Opened (agreement filing due date calculated from this date)	Utility	
5	10/28/08	10/28/08	Compliance with Section 4 of Rule Confirmed (case can be dismissed in case of non-compliance)	Case Coordinator	
7	10/30/08	10/30/08	Case Activities Timeline Filed in Case File	Case Coordinator	
10	11/02/08	11/03/08	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	11/12/08	11/12/08	Requests for Information Needed for Audit Communicated to Utility by Assigned Staff (if done in writing, copies also sent to OPC)	Assigned Staff	
30	11/22/08	11/24/08	Initial Customer Notice Mailed to Customers (copy sent to Case Coordinator for filing in case file)	Utility	,
40	12/02/08	12/02/08	Responses to Requests for Information Provided to Staff by Utility (staff provides copies of information received to 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	
		, rock	Copy of Initial Customer Notice Filed in Case File	Case Coordinator	
50	12/12/08	12/12/08	Follow-Up Requests for Information Communicated to Utility by Assigned Staff (if done in writing, copies also sent to OPC)	Assigned Staff	
60	12/22/08	12/22/08	End of Response Period for Initial Customer Notice	N/A	
70	01/01/09	01/02/09	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 01/06/09 01/06/09	01/06/09	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		

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Target Day	Target Due Date	Calendar Due Date	Case Activity	Responsible "Party"	Rule Section
80	01/11/09	01/12/09	Basic Audit/Investigation Work Completed	Assigned Staff	
85	01/16/09	01/16/09	Initial Audit/Investigation Reports Completed and Provided to Case Coordinator	Assigned Staff	
90	01/21/09	01/21/09	Overview of Staff's Initial Audit/Investigation Results Provided to the Utility & OPC	Case Coordinator	9
90	01/21/09	01/21/09	Second Customer Notice Mailed to Customers	Utility	7
120	02/20/09	02/20/09	End of Response Period for Second Customer Notice	N/A	7
160	04/01/09	04/01/09	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	
180	04/21/09	04/21/09	Staff's Settlement Proposal Packet Sent to Utility & OPC and Arrangements Made for Conference Call or Meeting to Discuss the Proposal	Case Coordinator	10
190	05/01/09	05/01/09	Conference Call or Meeting Held with Utility & OPC to Discuss Staff's Settlement Proposal	Utility, OPC & Staff	
195	05/06/09	05/06/09	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	4
200	05/11/09	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	4
205	05/16/09	05/18/09	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	
210	05/21/09	05/21/09	Staff Files Executed Disposition Agreement	Case Coordinator	11

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
215	05/26/09	05/26/09	Utility Files Necessary Tariff Revisions	Utility	13
225	06/05/09	06/05/09	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	
235	06/15/09	06/15/09	Order Approving Tariff Revisions Issued	Assigned RLJ	
245	06/25/09	06/25/09	Tariff Revisions Effective "On and After" this Date	N/A	13
250	06/30/09	06/30/09	Draft of Final Customer Notice Sent to Utility & OPC	Case Coordinator	
260	07/10/09	07/10/09	Final Customer Notice Mailed to Customers (copy sent to Case Coordinator for filing in case file)	Utility	22
270	07/20/09	07/20/09	Copy of Final Customer Notice Filed in Case File	Case Coordinator	22
275	07/25/09	07/27/09	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
210	05/21/09	05/21/09	Draft of Second Customer Notice Sent to Utility & OPC	Case Coordinator	
215	05/26/09	05/26/09	Utility Files Necessary Tariff Revisions	Utility	14
220	05/31/09	06/01/09	Second Customer Notice Mailed to Customers (copy sent to Case Coordinator for filing in case file)	Utility	14
230	06/10/09	06/10/09	Copy of Second Customer Notice Filed in Case File	Case Coordinator	14
240	06/20/09	06/22/09	End of Response Period for Second Customer Notice	N/A	14
245	06/25/09	06/25/09	OPC Files Its Position Statement	OPC	15
246	06/26/09	06/26/09	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	V
250	06/30/09	06/30/09	Order Approving Tariff Revisions Issued	Assigned RLJ	
260	07/10/09	07/10/09	Tariff Revisions Effective "On and After" this Date	N/A	14
265	07/15/09	07/15/09	Draft of Final Customer Notice Sent to Utility & OPC	Case Coordinator	
275	07/25/09	07/27/09	Final Customer Notice Mailed to Customers (copy sent to Case Coordinator for filing in case file)	Utility	22
285	08/04/09	08/04/09	Copy of Final Customer Notice Filed in Case File	Case Coordinator	22
290	08/09/09	08/10/09	Notice Closing Case Issued	Assigned RLJ	

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210	05/21/09	05/21/09	Draft of Second Customer Notice Sent to Utility & OPC	Case Coordinator	
215	05/26/09	05/26/09	Utility Files Necessary Tariff Revisions	Utility	1.
220	05/31/09	06/01/09	Second Customer Notice Mailed to Customers (copy sent to Case Coordinator for filing in case file)	Utility	1.
230	06/10/09	06/10/09	Copy of Second Customer Notice Filed in Case File	Case Coordinator	1
240	06/20/09	06/22/09	End of Response Period for Second Customer Notice	N/A	
245	06/25/09	06/25/09	OPC Files Request for Local Public Hearing	OPC	1:
250	06/30/09	06/30/09	Order Setting Local Public Hearing and Suspending Tariff Revisions Issued	Assigned RLJ	
255	07/05/09	07/06/09	Draft of LPH Customer Notice Sent to Utility & OPC	Case Coordinator	
260	07/10/09	07/10/09	Notice of Local Public Hearing Mailed to Customers (copy sent to Case Coordinator for filing in case file)	Utility	1
270	07/20/09	07/20/09	Copy of LPH Customer Notice Filed in Case File	Case Coordinator	1
275	07/25/09	07/27/09	Local Public Hearing Held	Assigned RLJ	
280	07/30/09	07/30/09	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	1!
285	08/04/09	08/04/09	OPC Files Its Position Statement	OPC	19
286	08/05/09	08/05/09	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	
295	08/14/09	08/14/09	Order Approving Tariff Revisions Issued	Assigned RLJ	
305	08/24/09	08/24/09	Tariff Revisions Effective "On and After" this Date	N/A	14
310	08/29/09	08/31/09	Draft of Final Customer Notice Sent to Utility & OPC	Case Coordinator	
320	09/08/09	09/08/09	Final Customer Notice Mailed to Customers (copy sent to Case Coordinator for filing in case file)	Utility	2:
330	09/18/09	09/18/09	Copy of Final Customer Notice Filed in Case File	Case Coordinator	2
335	09/23/09	09/23/09	Notice Closing Case Issued	Assigned RLJ	