# **BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

In the Matter of the Application of KMB ) Utility Corporation for a Sewer Rate Increase ) Case No. SR-2010-0346

### FILING OF EXTENSION AGREEMENT AND UPDATED TIMELINE

**COMES NOW** the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Staff"), by and through counsel, and pursuant to 4 CSR 340-3.050(12) files its Filing of Extension Agreement and Updated Timeline ("Filing") and in support of this Filing states as follows:

1. On May 21, 2010, the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission") received a Rate Increase Request Letter ("Request Letter") from KMB Utility Corporation ("KMB" or "the Company") pursuant to the Small Utility Rate Case Procedure ("Small Company Procedure").

2. The Small Company Procedure provides, in pertinent part, as follows:

(11) No later than one hundred fifty (150) days after a case is opened, the staff shall file a disposition agreement between at least the staff and the utility providing for a full or partial resolution of the utility's revenue increase request. At any time prior to the filing of the disposition agreement, the assigned regulatory law judge may be called upon to meet with the participants and mediate discussions to assist them in reaching at least a partial agreement. If the disposition agreement filed by the staff provides for only partial resolution of the utility's request, it may contain provisions whereby the signatories request that the assigned regulatory law judge initiate an arbitration procedure regarding unresolved issues identified in the agreement.

3. The Small Company Procedure also provides, in pertinent part, as follows:

(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.

4. On October 18, 2010, day 150, Staff filed a Motion for Extension of Time citing that KMB recently discovered that guide rails in the lift station at the Cape Rock Village location need to be replaced immediately. KMB received two bids and accepted one and has signed a contract to have this work performed in the near future. The installation of this major investment should be part of this case.

5. Attached and incorporated by reference herein, as Exhibit A, is an executed Company/Staff Agreement for 60 Day Extension.

6. Also attached and incorporated by reference herein, as Exhibit B, is an Updated Timeline.

7. KMB and Staff agree that a sixty (60) day extension is appropriate pursuant to Commission Rule 3.050 (12).

WHEREFORE, Staff respectfully submits this Filing of Extension Agreement and Updated Timeline and requests the Commission grant KMB and Staff sixty (60) days in which to file with the Commission a Notice of Disposition Agreement between Staff and KMB; and Staff respectfully requests the Commission adopt the Updated Timeline in this matter as proposed in Exhibit B to this Filing.

Respectfully submitted,

#### <u>/s/ Rachel M. Lewis</u>

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# **Certificate of Service**

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, hand-delivered, transmitted by facsimile or electronically mailed to all counsel of record this 19th day of October, 2010.

# /s/ RACHEL M. LEWIS

## **COMPANY/STAFF AGREEMENT FOR 60 DAY EXTENSION**

KMB Utility Corporation ("KMB" or "the Company") and the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Staff") agree to the following:

1. KMB filed for a small company sewer rate increase request on May 21, 2010.

2. The Company recently discovered that the guide rails in the lift station at the Cape Rock Village location needed to be replaced immediately. KMB received two bids and accepted one. The Company has signed a contract to have this work completed in the near future.

3. Commission Rule 4 CSR 240.3.050(12) allows the Company and Staff to extend the deadlines set out in sections (9), (10) and (11) for up to two (2) months.

4. Staff has attached for filing in this case an updated timeline reflecting this extension.

4. KMB and Staff agree that it is necessary to extend the Small Utility Rate Increase process for sixty (60) days.

Ann Rudy Owner KMB Utility Corporation

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Manager Water & Sewer Department Missouri Public Service Commission

EXHIBIT A

# Small Utility Rate Case Timeline MO PSC Case No. SR-2010-0346

Utility Name & Contact Info	KMB Utility Corporation
Contact Person	Ann Rudy
Mailing Address	5108 Dulin Creek Road
	House Springs MO 63051
Phone Contact (land line)	(636) 671-3310
Phone Contact (mobile)	
Fax Contact	(636) 671-0580
E-Mail Address	
Date Case Opened	May 21, 2010
Agreement Filing Due Date	October 18, 2010
9-Month Deadline	February 21, 2011
11-Month Deadline	April 21, 2011

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, <u>except that the effective dates for pending revised tariff sheets cannot be adjusted</u>.

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Target Day	Target Due Date	Calendar Due Date	Case Activity	Responsible "Party"	F Se
0	05/21/10	N/A	Request Letter Filed and Case Opened (agreement filing due date calculated from this date)	Utility	
5	05/26/10	05/26/10	Compliance with Section 4 of Rule Confirmed (case can be dismissed in case of non-compliance)	Case Coordinator	
7	05/28/10	05/28/10	Case Activities Timeline Filed in Case File	Case Coordinator	
10	05/31/10	06/01/10	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	06/10/10	06/10/10	Requests for Information Needed for Audit Communicated to Utility by Assigned Staff (if done in writing, copies also sent to OPC)	Assigned Staff	
30	06/20/10	06/21/10	Initial Customer Notice Mailed to Customers (copy sent to Case Coordinator for filing in case file)	Utility	
40	06/30/10 06/30/10	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		
			Copy of Initial Customer Notice Filed in Case File	Case Coordinator	
50	07/10/10	07/12/10	Follow-Up Requests for Information Communicated to Utility by Assigned Staff (if done in writing, copies also sent to OPC)	Assigned Staff	
60	07/20/10	07/20/10	End of Response Period for Initial Customer Notice	N/A	
70	07/30/10	07/30/10	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	75 08/04/10 08/04/10	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	08/09/10	08/09/10	Basic Audit/Investigation Work Completed	Assigned Staff	
85	08/14/10	08/16/10	Initial Audit/Investigation Reports Completed and Provided to Case Coordinator	Assigned Staff	
90	08/19/10	08/19/10	Overview of Staff's Initial Audit/Investigation Results Provided to the Utility & OPC	Case Coordinator	9
100	08/29/10	08/30/10	Utility & OPC Submit Responses Regarding Staff's Case Overview to Case Coordinator (errors/ommissions to be identified and suggested changes to be included) <b>OR</b> Staff Assumes Information Provided is Acceptable <b>(Staff's audit considered "complete" at this time)</b>	Utility & OPC	
120	09/18/10	09/20/10	Staff's Settlement Proposal Packet Sent to Utility & OPC and Arrangements Made for Conference Call or Meeting to Discuss the Proposal	Case Coordinator	10
130	09/28/10	09/28/10	Conference Call or Meeting Held with Utility & OPC to Discuss Staff's Settlement Proposal	Utility, OPC & Staff	
135	135 10/03/10 10	10/04/10	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	200 12/07/10 12	12/07/10	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	12/12/10	12/13/10	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	12/17/10	12/17/10	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 Sectio
215	12/22/10	12/22/10	Utility Files Necessary Tariff Revisions	Utility	13
225	01/01/11	01/03/11	Staff Recommendation Filed if applicable <b>OR</b> ordered by the Commission. (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	01/11/11	01/11/11	Order Approving Tariff Revisions Issued	Assigned RLJ	
245	01/21/11	01/21/11	Tariff Revisions Effective "On and After" this Date	N/A	13
250	01/26/11	01/26/11	Draft of Final Customer Notice Sent to Utility & OPC	Case Coordinator	-
260	02/05/11	02/05/11	Final Customer Notice Mailed to Customers (copy sent to Case Coordinator for filing in case file)	Utility	22
270	02/15/11	02/15/11	Copy of Final Customer Notice Filed in Case File	Case Coordinator	22
285	03/02/11	03/02/11	Notice Closing Case Issued	Assigned RLJ	

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Target Day	Target Due Date	Calendar Due Date	Case Activity	Responsible "Party"	Rule Section
210	12/17/10	12/17/10	Draft of Second Customer Notice Sent to Utility & OPC	Case Coordinator	
215	12/22/10	12/22/10	Utility Files Necessary Tariff Revisions	Utility	14
220	12/27/10	12/27/10	Second Customer Notice Mailed to Customers (copy sent to Case Coordinator for filing in case file)	Utility	14
230	01/06/11	01/06/11	Copy of Second Customer Notice Filed in Case File	Case Coordinator	14
240	01/16/11	01/16/11	End of Response Period for Second Customer Notice	N/A	14
247	01/23/11	01/24/11	OPC Files Its Position Statement	OPC	15
248	01/24/11	01/24/11	Staff Recommendation Filed if applicable <b>OR</b> ordered by the Commission. (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	
250	01/26/11	01/26/11	Order Approving Tariff Revisions Issued	Assigned RLJ	
260	02/05/11	02/07/11	Tariff Revisions Effective "On and After" this Date	N/A	14
265	02/10/11	02/10/11	Draft of Final Customer Notice Sent to Utility & OPC	Case Coordinator	
275	02/20/11	02/21/11	Final Customer Notice Mailed to Customers (copy sent to Case Coordinator for filing in case file)	Utility	22
285	03/02/11	03/02/11	Copy of Final Customer Notice Filed in Case File	Case Coordinator	22
290	03/07/11	03/07/11	Notice Closing Case Issued	Assigned RLJ	

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Target Day	Target Due Date	Calendar Due Date	Case Activity	Responsible "Party"
210	12/17/10	12/17/10	Draft of Second Customer Notice Sent to Utility & OPC	Case Coordinator
215	12/22/10	12/22/10	Utility Files Necessary Tariff Revisions	Utility
220	12/27/10	12/27/10	Second Customer Notice Mailed to Customers (copy sent to Case Coordinator for filing in case file)	Utility
230	01/06/11	01/06/11	Copy of Second Customer Notice Filed in Case File	Case Coordinator
240	01/16/11	01/16/11	End of Response Period for Second Customer Notice	N/A
247	01/23/11	01/24/11	OPC Files Request for Local Public Hearing	OPC
250	01/26/11	01/26/11	Order Setting Local Public Hearing and Suspending Tariff Revisions Issued	Assigned RLJ
255	01/31/11	01/31/11	Draft of LPH Customer Notice Sent to Utility & OPC	Case Coordinator
260	02/05/11	02/07/11	Notice of Local Public Hearing Mailed to Customers (copy sent to Case Coordinator for filing in case file)	Utility
270	02/15/11	02/15/11	Copy of LPH Customer Notice Filed in Case File	Case Coordinator
275	02/20/11	02/22/11	Local Public Hearing Held	Assigned RLJ
282	02/27/11	02/28/11	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) <b>5 WORKING DAYS</b>	Case Coordinator
289	03/06/11	03/07/11	OPC Files Its Position Statement** 10 WORKING DAYS	OPC
290	03/07/11	03/07/11	Staff Recommendation Filed if applicable <b>OR</b> ordered by the Commission. (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	03/12/11	03/14/11	Order Approving Tariff Revisions Issued	Assigned RLJ
305	03/22/11	03/22/11	Tariff Revisions Effective "On and After" this Date	N/A
310	03/27/11	03/28/11	Draft of Final Customer Notice Sent to Utility & OPC	Case Coordinator
320	04/06/11	04/06/11	Final Customer Notice Mailed to Customers (copy sent to Case Coordinator for filing in case file)	Utility
330	04/16/11	04/18/11	Copy of Final Customer Notice Filed in Case File	Case Coordinator
335	04/21/11	04/21/11	Notice Closing Case Issued	Assigned RLJ