# BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of Central Rivers Wastewater	)
Utility, Inc.'s Small Company Rate Increase	Case No. SR-2014-0247
Request.	)

### MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

**COMES NOW** the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission, by and through counsel, and for its *Motion for Extension of Time* pursuant to 4 CSR 240.050(12), states as follows:

- 1. On March 11, 2014, Central Rivers Wastewater Utility, Inc. ("Central Rivers"), filed with the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission") a letter requesting Commission approval of an increase of \$91,789.57 in its annual sewer system operating revenues pursuant to Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-3.050, Small Utility Rate Case Procedure, an increase of approximately 100%. The Company's request for its sewer operations was assigned Commission Case No. SR-2014-0247. Central Rivers states that the increase is necessary due to increases in utility plant investment, increases in operating and maintenance expenses, increases in the Commission's annual assessment, increases in the annual sewer discharge permit fee paid to the Missouri Department of Natural Resources, and changes in the number and type of Central Rivers' customers.
- 2. Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-3.050(11) states in pertinent part that "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." In this case, the deadline for filing a disposition agreement is that report is August 8, 2014.

- 3. Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-3.050(12) provides that "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. By agreement with the Company, Staff sought a 30-day extension pursuant to Rule 4 CSR 240-3.050(12) on August 6, 2014, which the Commission granted on August 7, 2014.
- 5. Now, Staff again requests that the Commission grant a 30-day extension of the deadline set out in section (11). Staff and the Company have discussed and agreed upon this extension request.
- 5. An updated timeline reflecting the requested 30-day extension is attached hereto as Appendix A.

**WHEREFORE**, Staff requests an extension as described above and such further relief as the Commission deems just and reasonable.

### /s/ Kevin A. Thompson

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### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed with first-class postage, hand-delivered, transmitted by facsimile or electronically mailed to all counsel of record this  $\mathbf{4}^{th}$  day of September, 2014.

/s/ Kevin A. Thompson

## Small Utility Rate Case Timeline

### MO PSC Case No. SR-2014-0247

Utility Name & Contact Info Central Rivers Wastewater Utility, Inc.

Contact Person Luke Geisinger
Mailing Address P.O. Box 528

**Kearney MO 64060** 

Phone Contact (land line) 816-903-1454 Mark Geisinger
Phone Contact (mobile) 816-805-4866 Luke Geisinger

**Fax Contact** 

E-Mail Address <a href="mailto:lmgeisinger@gmail.com">lmgeisinger@gmail.com</a>

Date Case Opened March 11, 2014

Agreement Filing Due Date October 7, 2014

9-Month Deadline December 11, 2014

11-Month Deadline February 11, 2015

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	03/11/14	N/A	Request Letter Filed and Case Opened (agreement filing due date calculated from this date)	Utility
5	03/16/14	03/17/14	Compliance with Section 4 of Rule Confirmed (case can be dismissed in case of non-compliance)	Case Coordinator
7	03/18/14	03/18/14	Case Activities Timeline Filed in Case File	Case Coordinator
10	03/21/14	03/21/14	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	03/31/14	03/31/14	Requests for Information Needed for Audit Communicated to Utility by Assigned Staff (if done in writing, copies also sent to OPC)	Assigned Staff
30	04/10/14	04/10/14	Initial Customer Notice Mailed to Customers (copy sent to Case Coordinator for filing in case file)	Utility
40	10 04/20/14 04/21/14	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	04/30/14	04/30/14	Follow-Up Requests for Information Communicated to Utility by Assigned Staff (if done in writing, copies also sent to OPC)	Assigned Staff
60	05/10/14	05/12/14	End of Response Period for Initial Customer Notice	N/A
70	05/20/14	05/20/14	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 05/25/14 05/27/14	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	05/30/14	05/30/14	Basic Audit/Investigation Work Completed	Assigned Staff	
85	06/04/14	06/04/14	Initial Audit/Investigation Reports Completed and Provided to Case Coordinator	Assigned Staff	
90	06/09/14	06/09/14	Overview of Staff's Initial Audit/Investigation Results Provided to the Utility & OPC	Case Coordinator	9
100	06/19/14	06/19/14	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	
120	07/09/14	07/09/14	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	07/19/14	07/21/14	Conference Call or Meeting Held with Utility & OPC to Discuss Staff's Settlement Proposal	Utility, OPC & Staff	
135	07/24/14	07/24/14	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
140	07/29/14	07/29/14	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
145	08/03/14	08/04/14	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	
150	10/07/14	10/07/14	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
155	10/12/14	10/14/14	Utility Files Necessary Tariff Revisions	Utility	13
165	10/22/14	10/22/14	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	
175	11/01/14	11/03/14	Order Approving Tariff Revisions Issued	Assigned RLJ	
185	11/11/14	11/12/14	Tariff Revisions Effective "On and After" this Date	N/A	13
190	11/16/14	11/17/14	Draft of Final Customer Notice Sent to Utility & OPC	Case Coordinator	
200	11/26/14	11/26/14	Final Customer Notice Mailed to Customers (copy sent to Case Coordinator for filing in case file)	Utility	22
210	12/06/14	12/08/14	Copy of Final Customer Notice Filed in Case File	Case Coordinator	22
215	12/11/14	12/11/14	Notice Closing Case Issued	Assigned RLJ	

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Target Day	Target Due Date	Calendar Due Date	Case Activity	Responsible "Party"	Rule Section
150	10/07/14	10/07/14	Draft of Second Customer Notice Sent to Utility & OPC	Case Coordinator	
155	10/12/14	10/14/14	Utility Files Necessary Tariff Revisions	Utility	14
160	10/17/14	10/17/14	Second Customer Notice Mailed to Customers (copy sent to Case Coordinator for filing in case file)	Utility	14
170	10/27/14	10/27/14	Copy of Second Customer Notice Filed in Case File	Case Coordinator	14
180	11/06/14	11/06/14	End of Response Period for Second Customer Notice	N/A	14
187	11/13/14	11/13/14	OPC Files Its Position Statement	OPC	15
188	11/14/14	11/14/14	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	
190	11/16/14	11/17/14	Order Approving Tariff Revisions Issued	Assigned RLJ	
200	11/26/14	11/26/14	Tariff Revisions Effective "On and After" this Date	N/A	14
205	12/01/14	12/01/14	Draft of Final Customer Notice Sent to Utility & OPC	Case Coordinator	
215	12/11/14	12/11/14	Final Customer Notice Mailed to Customers (copy sent to Case Coordinator for filing in case file)	Utility	22
225	12/21/14	12/22/14	Copy of Final Customer Notice Filed in Case File	Case Coordinator	22
230	12/26/14	12/26/14	Notice Closing Case Issued	Assigned RLJ	

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Target Day	Target Due Date	Calendar Due Date	Case Activity	Responsible "Party"
150	10/07/14	10/07/14	Draft of Second Customer Notice Sent to Utility & OPC	Case Coordinator
155	10/12/14	10/14/14	Utility Files Necessary Tariff Revisions	Utility
160	10/17/14	10/17/14	Second Customer Notice Mailed to Customers (copy sent to Case Coordinator for filing in case file)	Utility
170	10/27/14	10/27/14	Copy of Second Customer Notice Filed in Case File	Case Coordinator
180	11/06/14	11/06/14	End of Response Period for Second Customer Notice	N/A
187	11/13/14	11/13/14	OPC Files Request for Local Public Hearing	OPC
190	11/16/14	11/17/14	Order Setting Local Public Hearing and Suspending Tariff Revisions Issued	Assigned RLJ
195	11/21/14	11/21/14	Draft of LPH Customer Notice Sent to Utility & OPC	Case Coordinator
200	11/26/14	11/26/14	Notice of Local Public Hearing Mailed to Customers (copy sent to Case Coordinator for filing in case file)	Utility
210	12/06/14	12/08/14	Copy of LPH Customer Notice Filed in Case File	Case Coordinator
215	12/11/14	12/11/14	Local Public Hearing Held	Assigned RLJ
222	12/18/14	12/18/14	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) 5 WORKING DAYS	Case Coordinator
229	12/25/14	12/26/14	OPC Files Its Position Statement** 10 WORKING DAYS	OPC
230	12/26/14	12/26/14	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	12/31/14	12/31/14	Order Approving Tariff Revisions Issued	Assigned RLJ
245	01/10/15	01/12/15	Tariff Revisions Effective "On and After" this Date	N/A
250	01/15/15	01/15/15	Draft of Final Customer Notice Sent to Utility & OPC	Case Coordinator
260	01/25/15	01/26/15	Final Customer Notice Mailed to Customers (copy sent to Case Coordinator for filing in case file)	Utility
270	02/04/15	02/04/15	Copy of Final Customer Notice Filed in Case File	Case Coordinator
275	02/09/15	02/09/15	Notice Closing Case Issued	Assigned RLJ