# **Small Utility Rate Case Timeline**

## MO PSC Case No. WR-2017-0110 & SR-2017-0109

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Date Case Opened October 11, 2016

Agreement Filing Due Date March 10, 2017

9-Month Deadline June 12, 2017

11-Month Deadline September 11, 2017

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	10/11/16	N/A	Request Letter Filed and Case Opened (agreement filing due date calculated from this date)	Utility
5	10/16/16	10/17/16	Compliance with Section 4 of Rule Confirmed (case can be dismissed in case of non-compliance)	Case Coordinator
7	10/18/16	10/18/17	Case Activities Timeline Filed in Case File	Case Coordinator
10	10/21/16	10/21/17	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	10/31/16	10/31/16	Requests for Information Needed for Audit Communicated to Utility by Assigned Staff (if done in writing, copies also sent to OPC)	Assigned Staff
30	11/10/16	11/10/16	Initial Customer Notice Mailed to Customers (copy sent to Case Coordinator for filing in case file)	Utility
40	40 11/20/16	11/20/16 11/21/16	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	11/30/16	11/30/16	Follow-Up Requests for Information Communicated to Utility by Assigned Staff (if done in writing, copies also sent to OPC)	Assigned Staff
60	12/10/16	12/12/16	End of Response Period for Initial Customer Notice	N/A
70	12/20/16	12/20/16	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 1	12/25/16	12/27/16	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	12/30/16	12/30/16	Basic Audit/Investigation Work Completed	Assigned Staff
85	01/04/17	01/04/17	Initial Audit/Investigation Reports Completed and Provided to Case Coordinator	Assigned Staff
90	01/09/17	01/09/17	Overview of Staff's Initial Audit/Investigation Results Provided to the Utility & OPC	Case Coordinator
100	01/19/17	01/19/17	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	02/08/17	02/08/17	Staff's Settlement Proposal Packet Sent to Utility & OPC and Arrangements Made for Conference Call or Meeting to Discuss the Proposal	Case Coordinator
130	02/18/17	02/21/17	Conference Call or Meeting Held with Utility & OPC to Discuss Staff's Settlement Proposal	Utility, OPC & Staff
135	02/23/17	02/23/17	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
140	02/28/17	02/28/17	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
145	03/05/17	03/06/17	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	03/10/17	03/10/17	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 Sectior
155	03/15/17	03/15/17	Utility Files Necessary Tariff Revisions	Utility	13
165	03/25/17	03/27/17	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	04/04/17	04/04/17	Order Approving Tariff Revisions Issued	Assigned RLJ	1
185	04/14/17	04/14/17	Tariff Revisions Effective "On and After" this Date	N/A	13
190	04/19/17	04/19/17	Draft of Final Customer Notice Sent to Utility & OPC	Case Coordinator	1
200	04/29/17	05/01/17	Final Customer Notice Mailed to Customers (copy sent to Case Coordinator for filing in case file)	Utility	22
210	05/09/17	05/09/17	Copy of Final Customer Notice Filed in Case File	Case Coordinator	22
215	05/14/17	05/15/17	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	03/10/17	03/10/17	Draft of Second Customer Notice Sent to Utility & OPC	Case Coordinator	
155	03/15/17	03/15/17	Utility Files Necessary Tariff Revisions	Utility	14
160	03/20/17	03/20/17	Second Customer Notice Mailed to Customers (copy sent to Case Coordinator for filing in case file)	Utility	14
170	03/30/17	03/30/17	Copy of Second Customer Notice Filed in Case File	Case Coordinator	14
180	04/09/17	04/10/17	End of Response Period for Second Customer Notice	N/A	14
187	04/16/17	04/17/17	OPC Files Its Position Statement	OPC	15
188	04/17/17	04/17/17	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	04/19/17	04/19/17	Order Approving Tariff Revisions Issued	Assigned RLJ	
200	04/29/17	05/01/17	Tariff Revisions Effective "On and After" this Date	N/A	14
205	05/04/17	05/04/17	Draft of Final Customer Notice Sent to Utility & OPC	Case Coordinator	
215	05/14/17	05/15/17	Final Customer Notice Mailed to Customers (copy sent to Case Coordinator for filing in case file)	Utility	22
225	05/24/17	05/24/17	Copy of Final Customer Notice Filed in Case File	Case Coordinator	22
230	05/29/17	05/30/17	Notice Closing Case Issued	Assigned RLJ	

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Target Day	Target Due Date	Calendar Due Date	Case Activity	Responsible "Party"
150	03/10/17	03/10/17	Draft of Second Customer Notice Sent to Utility & OPC	Case Coordinator
155	03/15/17	03/15/17	Utility Files Necessary Tariff Revisions	Utility
160	03/20/17	03/20/17	Second Customer Notice Mailed to Customers (copy sent to Case Coordinator for filing in case file)	Utility
170	03/30/17	03/30/17	Copy of Second Customer Notice Filed in Case File	Case Coordinator
180	04/09/17	04/10/17	End of Response Period for Second Customer Notice	N/A
187	04/16/17	04/17/17	OPC Files Request for Local Public Hearing	OPC
190	04/19/17	04/19/17	Order Setting Local Public Hearing and Suspending Tariff Revisions Issued	Assigned RLJ
195	04/24/17	04/24/17	Draft of LPH Customer Notice Sent to Utility & OPC	Case Coordinator
200	04/29/17	05/01/17	Notice of Local Public Hearing Mailed to Customers (copy sent to Case Coordinator for filing in case file)	Utility
210	05/09/17	05/09/17	Copy of LPH Customer Notice Filed in Case File	Case Coordinator
215	05/14/17	05/15/17	Local Public Hearing Held	Assigned RLJ
222	05/21/17	05/22/17	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	05/28/17	05/30/17	OPC Files Its Position Statement** 10 WORKING DAYS	OPC
230	05/29/17	05/30/17	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	06/03/17	06/05/17	Order Approving Tariff Revisions Issued	Assigned RLJ
245	06/13/17	06/13/17	Tariff Revisions Effective "On and After" this Date	N/A
250	06/18/17	06/18/17	Draft of Final Customer Notice Sent to Utility & OPC	Case Coordinator
260	06/28/17	06/28/17	Final Customer Notice Mailed to Customers (copy sent to Case Coordinator for filing in case file)	Utility
270	07/08/17	07/10/17	Copy of Final Customer Notice Filed in Case File	Case Coordinator
275	07/13/17	07/13/17	Notice Closing Case Issued	Assigned RLJ