

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

In the Matter of the Small Company Rate  
Increase of Tri-States Utility, Inc.

) **File No. WR-2011-0037**  
) **Tariff No. YW-2011-0365**

## **ORDER EXTENDING THE CASE TIMELINE**

Issue Date: January 20, 2011

Effective Date: January 20, 2011

On January 11, 2011, Tri-State Utility, Inc., and the Staff of the Commission notified the Commission that they have reached an agreement regarding disposition of the company's small company rate increase request. The existing case timeline would require Tri-State to mail a notice regarding that agreement to its customers on January 20.

On January 19, Staff filed a motion asking the Commission to extend the case timeline to allow Tri-State until January 28 to mail that notice. Allowing additional time to mail the notice will allow Tri-State to mail the notice to its customers along with their regular monthly bill rather than as a separate mailing. That will save the company, and ultimately its ratepayers, approximately \$1,200 for additional postage. Staff also proposes to push back the other remaining dates in the timeline to reflect the change in the customer notice date.

Staff represents that it has made the Office of the Public Counsel aware of its proposal to extend the timeline and indicates Public Counsel has not objected to that extension.

Staff's request to extend the timeline is reasonable and will save the company and its ratepayers a substantial amount of money. The Commission will grant the requested extension and will adopt the amended timeline proposed by Staff.

**THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:**

1. Staff's Request for Leave to Extend the Timeline is granted.
2. The amended timeline proposed by Staff on January 19, 2011, is adopted.
3. This order shall become effective immediately upon issuance.

**BY THE COMMISSION**



Steven C. Reed  
Secretary

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Morris L. Woodruff, Chief Regulatory  
Law Judge, by delegation of authority  
pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,  
on this 20<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2011.