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 DIRECTING THE PARTIES TO FILE A STATUS REPORT

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Issue Date: March 30, 2011

Effective Date: March 30, 2011

On March 25, 2011, the Office of the Public Counsel filed a position statement indicating its belief that a unanimous agreement has been reached between itself, Tri-States Utility, Inc., and the Staff of the Commission regarding Tri-States' request for a rate increase. Public Counsel states that an agreement will be forthcoming and that an evidentiary hearing will not be needed. The notice does not, however, indicate when that agreement will be filed.

Tri-States' implementing tariff has been suspended only until April 18, so the Commission will need to promptly act on any agreement the parties may present. Therefore, the Commission will direct the parties to file either their agreement or a status report indicating when they will file that agreement.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. No later than April 6, 2011, the parties shall file either their unanimous agreement or a status report indicating when they will file such agreement.

2. 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 30th day of March, 2011.