

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

In the Matter of the Empire District Gas)	
Company's Purchased Gas Adjustment)	Case No. GR-2009-0397
Tariff Filing.)	JG-2010-0315

STAFF REQUEST FOR CLARIFICATION

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff) and for its Request for clarification states.

1. On October 30, 2009, The Empire District Gas Company (EDG or Empire) filed three (3) tariff sheets for each of its three Systems, North, South, and NW, bearing an effective date of November 13, 2009.

2. These tariff sheets were filed to reflect changes in EDG's Purchased Gas Adjustment (PGA) factors as a result of estimated changes in the cost of natural gas for the upcoming heating season of November 2009 through March 2010. EDG requests the tariff sheets go into effect on November 13, 2009.

3. Case No. GR-2009-0397, under which these changes were filed, was established to track the company's PGA factors to be reviewed in its 2008-2009 ACA (Actual Cost Adjustment) filing.

4. Staff notes the Commission's November 12, 2009 Order Approving Interim Rates order should refer to the following numbers from Staff witness Henry Warren's November 5 Recommendation to approve the tariff sheets interim subject to refund:

Atmos' PGA factor for its North system is a decrease of \$0.21315 per Ccf for all customer classes except Large Volume Interruptible (LVI) and transportation.

Atmos' PGA factor for its Northwest System is a decrease of \$0.25312 per Ccf for all customer classes except Large Volume Interruptible (LVI) and transportation.

Atmos' PGA factor for its South system will decrease the firm PGA factor for all customers classes, except for Large Volume Interruptible (LVI) and transportation, by \$0.01261 per Ccf.

5. Staff recommends the PGA tariff sheets, filed on October 30, 2009, be approved, interim subject to refund.

WHEREFORE, for the reasons explained in Staff's Memorandum, the Staff recommends that the Commission approve Empire's tariff sheets in File No. JG-2010-0315 interim subject to refund only, on November 13, 2009.

Respectfully submitted,

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