

THE EMPIRE DISTRICT GAS COMPANY

**NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR RATE INCREASE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
REQUEST FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**

The Empire District Gas Company (EDG) filed a natural gas rate case with the Missouri Public Service Commission seeking to increase revenues (to cover non-gas costs) by approximately \$2.9 million a year. The impact of the rate change varies by customer class, but the overall result is an increase in total revenue of 4.9%. This case does not involve the gas cost portion of your monthly bill. Non-gas costs are general operating and maintenance costs typically representing 25% to 30% of a customer's total monthly natural gas bill. The Commission has suspended the proposed rates and any rate change authorized by the Commission will not likely take effect until 2010.

EDG proposes rate changes for all of its classes including, Residential, Small Commercial Firm Service, Large Volume, and Transportation. Residential customers include customers purchasing natural gas for "domestic use" by single family or individually metered multiple-family dwellings. The proposed changes to the residential and small commercial are as follows:

Class	Current Non-Gas Rate(s)*	Proposed Non-Gas Rate(s)*	Overall Average Monthly Increase/ (Decrease)
Residential North & South Systems	\$9.50/month plus 27¢ per Ccf used	\$30.00/month (no non-gas volumetric rate)	\$4.63 (Average usage- 58 Ccf per month)
Small Commercial Firm Small North & South (<5,000 Ccf)	\$17.40/month plus 27¢ per Ccf	\$64.00/month (No non-gas volumetric rate)	\$16.17
Small Commercial Firm Medium North & South (5,000—20,000 Ccf)	\$50.00/month Plus 23¢ per Ccf	\$110/month plus 11¢ per Ccf (5,000-20,000 Ccf)	(\$27.10)
Small Commercial Firm Large North & South (20,000—40,000 Ccf)	\$50.00/month plus 23¢ per Ccf	\$200/month plus 11¢ per Ccf (20,000-40,000 Ccf)	(\$137.34)

*Rates are rounded to the nearest whole cent.

For complete details of the EDG rate case filing, go to psc.mo.gov/case-filing-information and search for Case No. GR-2009-0434.

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Case No. GR-2009-0434

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