

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

In the matter of The Empire District Gas	)	
Company of Joplin, Missouri for Authority to	)	<b>Case No. GR-2009-0434</b>
File Tariffs Increasing Rates for Gas Service	)	Tariff No. YG-2009-0855
Provided to Customers in the Missouri Service	)	
Area of the Company.	)	

**EDG'S PROPOSED CUSTOMER NOTICE AND  
LOCAL PUBLIC HEARING RECOMMENDATION**

Comes now The Empire District Gas Company (EDG or Company), and states as follows to the Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission):

1. The Commission's Suspension Order and Notice, Order Setting Hearings and Order Directing Filing, among other things, required the parties to file a proposed customer notice for the Commission's approval and recommendations as to the times, dates and locations for local public hearings in this case no later than July 23, 2009. On July 23, 2009, the parties requested, and by order issued July 24, 2009, were granted, an extension of these requirements until July 30, 2009.

2. Attached hereto as **Appendix A** and **Appendix B** are proposed customer notices for EDG's North and South systems and its Northwest system, respectively, that EDG finds to be acceptable.

3. It is EDG's understanding that there is no objection among the parties to the following local public hearing schedule:

- 1) November 9, 2009, Sedalia, Mo, 5:30 p.m. Q&A, 6:00 p.m. Hearing;
- 2) November 10, 2009, Maryville, Mo, 11:30 a.m. Q&A, 12:00 p.m. Hearing;

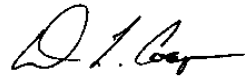
3) November 10, 2009, Chillicothe, Mo, 5:30 p.m. Q&A, 6:00 p.m. Hearing;  
and,

4) November 12, 2009, Nevada, Mo, 5:30 p.m. Q&A, 6:00 p.m. Hearing.

4. EDG requests that the Commission consider the fact that EDG believes that the form of the notice needs to be determined by August 24, 2009, in order to provide sufficient time for printing of the notice.

WHEREFORE, EDG requests that the Commission consider this filing to be in compliance with the Commission's prior orders and issue such further orders as it should believe to be reasonable and just.

Respectfully submitted,



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## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I do hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing document has been sent by electronic mail this 30<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2009, to:

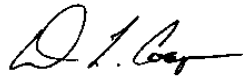
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