

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

In the Matter of The Empire District Gas
Company's Request for Extension of Time
Concerning Its Annual Report Filing

Case No. GE-2010-0330

MOTION FOR LEAVE TO LATE FILE STAFF RECOMMENDATION

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff) and respectfully requests the Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission) grant it leave to late file its recommendation.

1. On May 14, 2010, Empire District Gas Company (EDG or Company) requested an extension of the date for the filing of its annual report for its natural gas operations to May 15, 2010.

2. On May 17, 2010, the Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission) ordered the Staff to file its recommendation regarding EDG's Application for Extension of Time to File Annual Report by May 21.

3. The Staff respectfully requests leave to late file its recommendation due to the press of other Commission business within Staff Counsel's Office.

WHEREFORE, Staff respectfully requests the Commission grant the Staff leave to late file its recommendation in this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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