

**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

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff) and respectfully offers its Recommendation concerning Empire District Gas Company's (EDG or Company) Application for Extension of Time to File Annual Report. The Staff has no objections to EDG's request for an additional extension to complete and file its gas annual report.

1. On May 14, 2010, EDG 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.

4. The Staff has no objections to EDG's Application for Extension of Time to File Annual Report and recommends that the Commission approve EDG's request. In fact, EDG filed its Annual Report on May 19, 2010.

WHEREFORE, for the above stated reasons, Staff respectfully requests the Commission accept its recommendation in this matter and approve the Empire District Gas Company's Application for Extension of Time to File Annual Report.

Respectfully submitted,

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