

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a session of the Public Service Commission held at its office in Jefferson City on the 25th day of February, 2015.

In the Matter The Empire District Gas Company's Purchased Gas Adjustment Tariff Filing)
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File No. GR-2014-0108

ORDER ESTABLISHING ACA BALANCE AND CLOSING FILE

Issue Date: February 25, 2015

Effective Date: March 6, 2015

Procedural History:

On October 24, 2013, The Empire District Gas Company ("Empire") filed its Actual Cost Adjustment ("ACA") for the 2012-2013 annual period of rates. On November 6, 2013, the Commission approved Empire's Purchased Gas Adjustment rate on an interim basis, subject to refund. In that order, the Commission also directed the Staff's Procurement Analysis Department to submit its results and recommendations concerning Empire's ACA filing by December 19, 2014. Staff timely filed its recommendation to adjust Empire's ACA balance. Staff made additional recommendations on additional issues.

On February 2, 2015, Empire filed its *Response to Staff Recommendation and Memorandum*. Empire agrees with Staff's recommended balance adjustments designed to reflect the ending (over)/under recovery balances for the ACA, Take-or-Pay, Transition Cost, and Refund accounts in Empire's 2012-2013 ACA filing. Those adjustments are reflected in Table 1 from Staff's recommendation. Empire also agrees with the additional recommendations made by Staff.

On February 11, 2015, Staff filed a reply indicating that no issues remain to be determined by the Commission.

Decision:

The Commission, having reviewed the pleadings, finds that the ending balances agreed upon by Staff and Empire are reasonable and should be approved. The below balances are ordered.

Description + Under-recovery (-) Over-recovery	8-31-13 Ending Balances Per Filing	Commission Approved Adjustments prior to 2012-2013 ACA (A)	Staff Adjustments For 2012-2013 ACA	8-31-13 Staff Recommended Ending Balances
South System: Firm ACA	(\$103,861)	\$0	(\$9,405) (B) (\$58,933) (C) \$232,630 (D)	\$60,431
Interruptible ACA	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Take-or-Pay (TOP)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Transition Cost (TC)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Refund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
North System: Firm ACA	\$1,109,030	\$0	\$1,340 (B) (\$27,679) (C) (\$131,977) (D)	\$950,714
Interruptible ACA	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Take-or-Pay (TOP)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Transition Cost (TC)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Refund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Northwest System: Firm ACA	\$362,558	\$0	(\$3,163) (B) (\$14,492) (C) (\$100,653) (D)	\$244,250
Interruptible ACA	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Take-or-Pay (TOP)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Transition Cost (TC)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Refund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The Empire District Gas Company shall establish the Actual Cost Adjustment balances in its next Actual Cost Adjustment filing as discussed herein.
2. This order shall become effective on March 6, 2015.

3. This file shall be closed on March 9, 2015.



BY THE COMMISSION

Morris L. Woodruff

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Secretary

R. Kenney, Chm., Stoll, W. Kenney,
Hall, and Rupp, CC., concur.

Burton, Regulatory Law Judge.