BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of The Empire District Gas File No. GR-2015-0109 Company's Purchased Gas Adjustment Tariff Filing

ORDER DIRECTING RESPONSE

Issue Date: December 18, 2015 Effective Date: December 18, 2015

On December 16, 2015, the Staff of the Commission filed a recommendation and memorandum regarding its review of The Empire District Gas Company's 2013-2014 Actual Cost Adjustment (ACA). Staff proposes financial adjustments to Empire's ACA balance and offers non-financial recommendations regarding several aspects of the company's operations. Staff asks the Commission to direct Empire to respond to its recommendations.

The Commission will order Empire to respond to Staff's recommendations and comments.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

- 1. The Empire District Gas Company shall respond to the recommendations of the Commission's Staff no later than February 1, 2016.
 - 2. This order shall be effective when issued.

BY THE COMMISSION

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Secretary

Morris L. Woodruff, Chief Regulatory Law Judge, by delegation of authority pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri, on this 18th day of December, 2015.