BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of The Empire District Gas Company's)	File No. GR-2008-0368
Purchased Gas Adjustment Tariff Filing.)	

ORDER DIRECTING RESPONSE

Issue Date: December 31, 2009 Effective Date: December 31, 2009

On December 30, 2009, the Staff of the Commission filed a recommendation and memorandum indicating Staff has reviewed the 2007-2008 Actual Cost Adjustment (ACA) filing of The Empire District Gas Company. Staff proposes various adjustments to Empire's filing and asks the Commission to direct Empire to respond to its recommendations within 30 days.

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

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

- 1. The Empire District Gas Company shall file a response to the recommendations of the Commission's Staff no later than February 1, 2010.
 - 2. This order shall become effective upon issuance.

BY THE COMMISSION

(SEAL)

Steven C. Reed Secretary

Nancy Dippell, Deputy Chief Regulatory Law Judge, by delegation of authority pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri, on this 31st day of December, 2009.