BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the matter of The Empire District Gas Company of
Joplin, Missouri, for Authority to File Tariffs Increasing
Rates for Gas Service Provided to Customers in the
Missouri Service Area of the Company.

File No. GR-2009-0434
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ORDER GRANTING MOTION FOR LEAVE TO WITHDRAW

Issue Date: December 28, 2009 Effective Date: December 28, 2009

On December 24, 2009, Mary Ann (Garr) Young, of William D. Steinmeier, P.C., co-counsel for intervenor Constellation NewEnergy-Gas Division, LLC, filed a motion pursuant to 4 CSR 240-2.040(6) for leave to withdraw as counsel of record. Ms. Young states that William D. Steinmeier will continue to represent this party and that her withdrawal will not have a material adverse effect on the interests of Constellation.

The Commission will grant the motion.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

- Mary Ann (Garr) Young's Motion for Leave to Withdraw from Representation is granted.
 - 2. The Data Center shall remove Ms. Young from the service list for this case.

3. This order shall become effective upon issuance.

BY THE COMMISSION

Steven C. Reed Secretary

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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 28th day of December, 2009.