

**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) **File No. GR-2009-0434**
Rates for Gas Service Provided to Customers in the) **Tariff No. YG-2009-0855**
Missouri Service Area of the Company.)

ORDER SHORTENING TIME FOR RESPONSES

Issue Date: December 18, 2009

Effective Date: December 18, 2009

On December 18, 2009, Constellation NewEnergy-Gas Division, LLC, filed a Motion to Strike Portions of Empire District Rebuttal Testimony on Transportation Issues. With the fast-approaching holidays, deadlines for surrebuttal testimony, and hearing dates, and the Commission's current regularly scheduled agenda dates, the Commission will shorten the time for responses to the motion as set out below.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. Any response to the Motion to Strike Portions of Empire District Rebuttal Testimony on Transportation Issues filed on December 18, 2009, shall be filed no later than 5:00 p.m. December 22, 2009.
2. 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 18th day of December, 2009.