

**STATE OF MISSOURI  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a session of the Public Service  
Commission held at its office in  
Jefferson City on the 12<sup>th</sup> day  
of November, 2014.

In the Matter of Empire District Gas Company's ) **File No. GR-2015-0109**  
Purchased Gas Adjustment Tariff Filing ) **Tariff No. YG-2015-0198**

**ORDER APPROVING TARIFF**

Issue Date: November 12, 2014

Effective Date: November 17, 2014

On October 31, 2014, The Empire District Gas Company filed a tariff sheet proposed to become effective November 17, 2014. The tariff sheet reflects a change in Empire Gas' Purchased Gas Adjustment (PGA) factor as a result of estimated changes in the cost of natural gas, as well as changes in the Actual Cost Adjustment (ACA) and Refund factor, for the 2014-2015 winter season.

For Empire Gas' South system, which includes the cities of Clinton, Lexington, Marshall, and Sedalia, the filing will decrease the firm PGA factor from \$0.66601 per hundred cubic feet (Ccf), to \$0.62243 per Ccf. This represents a decrease of \$0.04358 per Ccf.

For Empire Gas' North system, which includes the cities of Chillicothe, Marceline, and Trenton, the filing will decrease the firm PGA factor from \$0.71439 per Ccf to \$0.66366 per Ccf. This represents a decrease of \$0.05103 per Ccf.

For Empire Gas' Northwest system, which includes the cities of Rockport, Maryville, and Tarkio, the filing will decrease the firm PGA factor from \$0.57109 per Ccf to \$0.52701 per Ccf. This represents a decrease of \$0.04408 per Ccf.

The Commission's Staff filed its recommendation on November 6, 2014. Staff recommends the rates be approved on an interim basis, subject to refund pending final Commission decision in this file and in GR-2014-0108. Staff also asks to be allowed until December 18, 2015, to submit its results and recommendations regarding the information included in Empire Gas' ACA filing.

The Commission has reviewed the proposed tariff sheet and Staff's recommendation. The Commission finds that the proposed tariff sheet conforms to Empire Gas' Commission-approved PGA Clause. In addition, because Empire Gas' PGA clause allows for PGA change filings to take effect on ten business days' notice, good cause has been shown pursuant to Section 393.140(11), RSMo 2000, to permit the tariff to become effective on less than 30 days' notice. The Commission concludes the proposed tariff sheet should be approved to become effective on November 17, on an interim basis, subject to refund, pending final Commission decision in this file and File No. GR-2014-0108.

**THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:**

1. The proposed tariff sheet filed on October 31, 2014, by The Empire District Gas Company, assigned Tracking Number YG-2015-0198 and bearing an effective date of November 17, 2014, is approved on an interim basis, subject to refund, pending final Commission decision in this file and in File No. GR-2014-0108. The tariff sheet approved is:

**P.S.C. Mo. No. 2**  
**10<sup>th</sup> Revised Sheet No. 62, Canceling 9<sup>th</sup> Revised Sheet No. 62**  
**10<sup>th</sup> Revised Sheet No. 63, Canceling 9<sup>th</sup> Revised Sheet No. 63**  
**10<sup>th</sup> Revised Sheet No. 65, Canceling 9<sup>th</sup> Revised Sheet No. 65**

2. Staff's Procurement Analysis Department shall submit its results and recommendations regarding the information included in the October 31, 2014's ACA filing on or before December 18, 2015.

3. This order shall be effective on November 17, 2014.

**BY THE COMMISSION**



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Morris L. Woodruff".

Morris L. Woodruff  
Secretary

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

Woodruff, Chief Regulatory Law Judge