BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of The Empire District)	
Gas Company's Purchased Gas)	Case No. GR-2017-0134
Adjustment (PGA) Tariff Filing)	

STAFF REPLY TO THE EMPIRE DISTRICT GAS COMPANY'S RESPONSE TO STAFF RECOMMENDATION AND MEMORANDUM

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission and replies as follows to the *Response to Staff Recommendation and Memorandum* filed herein by The Empire District Gas Company ("Empire" or "Company"):

- 1. Staff filed its Actual Cost Adjustment ("ACA") Recommendation in this case concerning Empire's 2015-2016 ACA filing on December 14, 2017. In its ACA Recommendation, Staff recommended certain adjustments to the Company's filed ACA balances and also requested the Company respond to certain other recommendations.
- 2. Empire filed its Response to Staff Recommendation and Memorandum ("Response") on January 29, 2018.
- 3. Based on Staff's review of the Company's Response, there are no issues requiring a procedural schedule in this matter. Staff and the Company agree on the ACA balances for all of the Company's Missouri Service areas.

WHEREFORE, Staff respectfully requests that the Commission issue an order establishing Empire's ending ACA balances for the 2015-2016 ACA period as set forth in the Staff Recommendation Memorandum filed herein on December 14, 2017, and close this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was served by electronic mail, or First Class United States Postal Mail, postage prepaid, on this 31st day of January, 2018, to all counsel of record.

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