

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

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

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff) and for its recommendation in the PGA filing of The Empire District Gas Co., states:

1. On May 22, 2008, The Empire District Gas Company (Empire or Company) – Northern, Southern, and Northwest (NW), filed tariff sheets proposed to become effective June 6, 2008 for each of its three districts.

2. The tariff sheets were filed to reflect a change in Empire's Purchased Gas Adjustment (PGA) factors as the result of an estimated change in the cost of natural gas for the upcoming summer season. The summer season includes the months of June through October.

3. Case No. GR-2008-0368, under which these changes were filed, was established to track the Company's PGA factors to be reviewed in its 2007-2008 ACA filing.

4. For the reasons explained in the attached memorandum, Staff recommends the PGA factor rate changes may be approved on an interim subject to refund basis pending final Commission decisions in Case Nos. GR-2008-0123 and GR-2008-0368.

5. Staff is of the opinion that good cause for approval of these tariff sheets on less than thirty days notice is demonstrated by Empire's Commission approved PGA clause allowing for ten (10) business days notice for PGA change filings. Therefore, Staff recommends that the PGA tariff sheets, filed on May 22, 2008, be approved, interim subject to refund.

6. Good cause for approval of this tariff sheet, with less than thirty days notice, is demonstrated by the Company's Commission-approved PGA clause allowing for ten (10) business days notice for PGA change filings.

WHEREFORE the Staff recommends that the Commission approve EDG's tariff sheets on an expedited basis, interim subject to refund only on June 6, 2008.

Respectfully submitted,

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