

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-2010-0568
Missouri Service Area of the Company.)

ORDER DIRECTING FILING OF STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Issue Date: March 18, 2010

Effective Date: March 18, 2010

On January 20, 2010, the Commission issued its Order Approving Partial Stipulation and Agreement and Partial Stipulation and Agreement on Transportation Tariff Issues. The Commission rejected The Empire District Gas Company's originally filed tariff (Tariff No. YG-2009-0855) and authorized Empire to file tariff sheets in compliance with the terms of the stipulations, with an effective date of April 1, 2010. On March 17, 2010, Empire filed revised tariff sheets (Tariff No. YG-2010-0568) as directed. The Commission will set an expedited date for the Staff of the Commission to file its recommendation and for any other party to file a response or objection to the tariff sheets.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. No later than 5:00 p.m. on March 23, 2010, the Staff of the Commission shall file its recommendation concerning The Empire District Gas Company's revised tariff sheets filed on March 17, 2010, Tariff No. YG-2010-0568.
2. Any other responses or objections to The Empire District Gas Company's tariff sheets shall be filed no later than 5:00 p.m. on March 23, 2010.

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 18th day of March, 2010.