#### STATE OF MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

At a session of the Public Service Commission held at its office in Jefferson City on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2012.

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In the Matter of The Empire District Gas Company's Purchased Gas Adjustment Tariff Filing

File No. GR-2011-0108

## ORDER DIRECTING ADJUSTMENT OF ACA BALANCE

Issue Date: February 15, 2012

Effective Date: March 16, 2012

The Missouri Public Service Commission is ordering The Empire District Gas Company ("the Company") to adjust the Company's actual cost adjustment balance for the 2009-2010 period ("ACA").

On December 30, 2011, Staff filed a recommendation on the Company's ACA. On January 27, 2012, the Company filed a response to the recommendation. On February 9, 2012, Staff filed a reply.

In those pleadings, the Company and Staff agree to certain adjustments as set forth in the appendix to this order. No hearing is required to make unopposed<sup>1</sup> adjustments,<sup>2</sup> so this action is not a contested case,<sup>3</sup> and the Commission need not separately state its findings of fact. Therefore, the Commission will order the Company to make the agreed adjustments.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The Office of the Public Counsel is a party to this action under 4 CSR 240-2.010(11) but has elected to enter no appearance.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> <u>State ex rel. Rex Deffenderfer Ent., Inc. v. Public Serv. Comm'n</u>, 776 S.W.2d 494, 496 (Mo. App., W.D. 1989).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Section 5<sup>3</sup>6.010(4), RSMo 2000; Section 536.063(1), H.B. 265, 96<sup>th</sup> Gen. Assem., 1<sup>st</sup> Reg. Sess.

## THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The Company shall adjust the Company's actual cost adjustment balance for

the 2009-2010 period as set forth in the appendix to this order.

2. This order shall become effective on March 16, 2012.

# BY THE COMMISSION

(SEAL)

Steven C. Reed Secretary

Gunn, Chm., Jarrett and Kenney, CC., concur.

Jordan, Senior Regulatory Law Judge

## Appendix

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Description	8-31-10	Approved	Staff	8-31-10
(+) Under-Recovery	Ending	Adjustments	Adjustments	Ending
(-) Over-Recovery	Balance per	before 2009-	for 2009-	Balance per
	Company	2010 ACA <sup>A</sup>	2010 ACA	Staff
Southern System				
Firm	(1,147,145)	0	4,950 <sup>A1</sup>	(1,135,995)
ACA			6,200 <sup>B</sup>	. ,
Interruptible ACA	(33,867)	0		(33,867)
Take-or-Pay	0	0	0	0
Transition Cost	0	0	0	0
Refund	0	0	0	0
Northern System				
Firm	(190,272)	0	(6,661) <sup>A2</sup>	(190,733)
ACA			6,200 <sup>B</sup>	
Interruptible ACA	(28,217)	0	0	(28,217)
Take-or-Pay	0	0	0	0
Transition Cost	0	0	0	0
Refund	0	0	0	0
Northwest System				
Firm	24,864	0	1,711 <sup>A3</sup>	32,775
ACA			6,200 <sup>B</sup>	
Interruptible ACA	0	0	0	0
Take-or-Pay	0	0	0	0
Transition Cost	0	0	0	0
Refund	0	0	0	0

All amounts are \$.

<sup>A</sup> The Company adopted all adjustments before File No. GR-2011-0108.

<sup>A1</sup> Marketer A<sup>4</sup>: (1,207) + 6,157.

<sup>A2</sup> Marketer A: 811 + (7,472).

<sup>A3</sup> Marketer A: 396 + 1,315.

<sup>B</sup> Marketer B: Physical call option.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> The parties identified the marketers in "highly confidential" filings.