

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Empire District)	
Gas Company's Purchased Gas)	<u>Case No. GR-2006-0297</u>
Adjustment Tariff Filing)	Tariff No. YG-2007-0311

ORDER ESTABLISHING PROTECTIVE ORDER

Issue Date: November 21, 2006

Effective Date: November 21, 2006

On November 15, 2006, Empire District Gas Company filed a Motion for Protective Order. In its motion, Empire indicates that a protective order is needed to protect highly confidential and proprietary information from inappropriate disclosure. Empire requests that the Commission issue its standard protective order to establish the manner in which such information should be handled.

Upon review of Empire's motion, the Commission finds that there is a need to protect confidential information and that the request for a protective order is reasonable.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. The Motion for Protective Order filed by Empire District Gas Company is granted and the protective order attached to this order (Attachment A) is adopted.

2. This order shall become effective on November 21, 2006.

BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Colleen M. Dale', written over a horizontal line.

Colleen M. Dale
Secretary

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Colleen M. Dale, Chief Regulatory Law Judge,
by delegation of authority pursuant to
Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri
on this 21st day of November, 2006.