

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

In the matter of the Empire District Gas)	Case No. GR-2008-0123
Company's Purchased Gas Adjustment)	Tariff No. YG-2008-0263
Tariff Filing.)	

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

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

1. On October 24, 2007, The Empire District Gas Company – Northern, Southern, and Northwest (L&P) (Empire or Company) of Joplin, Missouri filed tariff sheets proposed to become effective November 3, 2007.

2. On October 31, 2007, Empire filed a substitute tariff sheet to correct a typographical error.

3. The tariff sheets were filed to reflect a change in Empire's Purchased Gas Adjustment (PGA) factors for all of its territories, as the result of an estimated change in the cost of natural gas for the winter season, 2007-2008. The winter season includes the months of November through March.

4. This tariff filing also reflects a change in the Actual Cost Adjustment (ACA), another factor that determines the Net PGA.

5. Attached is Staff's Recommendation on The Empire District Gas Company's Northern, Southern, and Northwest (L&P) Scheduled Winter Season PGA Filing Effective November 1, 2008.

6. Staff recommends approval of this tariff because, as explained in Staff's memorandum, it is a decrease in the PGA for all of Empire's areas.

7. The Company did not provide Staff the required ten business days for Staff to review this pleading but since this filing decreases the PGA factors for all of the Company's areas, Staff has reviewed the filing as quickly as possible and is able to recommend Commission approval.

8. The rates should be approved on an interim basis subject to refund. After a thorough review, the Procurement Analysis Department (PAD) has requested permission to submit its results and recommendations regarding the information included in this ACA filing to the Commission on or before December 31, 2008.

9. 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.

10. Therefore Staff recommends that these tariff sheets be approved, interim subject to refund only, with an effective date of November 3, 2007.

WHEREFORE the Staff recommends that the Commission approve EDG's tariff sheets, interim subject to refund only, to become effective November 3, 2007.

Respectfully submitted,

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I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, sent by facsimile or electronic mail or hand-delivered to all counsel of record this 31st day of October 2007.

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