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)
Rates for Gas Service Provided to Customers in the)
Missouri Service Area of the Company.

File No. GR-2009-0434 Tariff No. YG-2009-0855

NOTICE REGARDING PREHEARING CONFERENCE

Issue Date: October 29, 2009

The Commission will convene an on-the-record portion of the prehearing conference beginning at 10:00 am, November 16, 2009, in Room 310 of the Governor Office Building, 200 Madison Street, Jefferson City, Missouri. The Governor Office Building meets accessibility standards required by the Americans with Disabilities Act. Anyone needing additional accommodations to participate in the conference should call the Public Service Commission's Hotline at 1-800-392-4211 (voice) or Relay Missouri at 711 prior to the prehearing.

BY THE COMMISSION

Steven C. Reed Secretary

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Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri, on this 29th day of October, 2009.

Dippell, Deputy Chief Regulatory Law Judge