

**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)	<u>File No. GR-2009-0434</u>
Rates for Gas Service Provided to Customers in the)	Tariff No. YG-2009-0855
Missouri Service Area of the Company.)	

**ORDER RESCHEDULING HEARING TIME AND DATE
AND SETTING CONFERENCE CALL**

Issue Date: January 6, 2010

Effective Date: January 6, 2010

Because of predicted inclement weather, the Commission is postponing the beginning of this hearing until 9:30 a.m. on Friday, January 8, 2010. At that time the Commission will hear the remaining contested issues and presentations regarding the stipulations and agreements. Any party or witness wishing to participate by telephone conference may do so by following the procedure set out below.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The beginning of the hearing is postponed until 9:30 a.m. January 8, 2010.
2. Any party or witness wishing to appear at the hearing by telephone shall notify the Regulatory Law Judge by providing his or her name and a telephone number at which they can be reached at the time of the hearing, no later than 2:00 p.m. January 7, 2010, by e-mail to ndippell@socket.net or telephone 573-751-4393.

3. This order shall become effective upon issuance.

BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Reed', is written over a faint, larger signature.

Steven C. Reed
Secretary

(S E A L)

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 6th day of January, 2010.