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

ORDER SETTING BRIEFING SCHEDULE

Issue Date: January 12, 2010 Effective Date: January 12, 2010

During the hearing on January 8, 2010, the parties agreed to file one round of briefs regarding the remaining contested issue on January 29, 2010. After the adjournment of the hearing, however, the court reporter indicated that she would have the transcripts to the Commission earlier than expected. Thus, the Commission will set an earlier date for the filing of briefs as set out below.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

- 1. Briefs shall be filed no later than January 22, 2010.
- 2. This order shall become effective upon issuance.

BY THE COMMISSION

Steven C. Reed Secretary

(SEAL)

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 12th day of January, 2010.