STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

At a session of the Public Service Commission held at its office in

Jefferson City on the 7th day of

November, 2012.

In the Matter of The Empire District) <u>Fil</u>
Gas Company's PGA Filing) Ta

File No. GR-2013-0250 Tariff No. YG-2013-0210

ORDER APPROVING INTERIM RATES

Issue Date: November 7, 2012

Effective Date: November 14, 2012

On October 31¹, The Empire District Gas Company ("Empire") filed tariff sheets

proposed to become effective November 14. The tariff sheets reflect a change in Empire's

Purchased Gas Adjustment (PGA) factors as a result of estimated changes in the cost of

natural gas for the 2012-2013 winter season. The filing will decrease the PGA factor for

Empire's South System by \$0.000130 per hundred cubic feet (Ccf), increase the PGA

factor for Empire's North system by \$0.04439/Ccf, and decrease the PGA factor for

Empire's Northwest system by \$0.000150 per Ccf.

The Commission's Staff filed its recommendation on November 5. Staff

recommends the rates be approved on an interim basis, subject to refund pending final

Commission decision in this case, as well as File No. GR-2012-0124.

The Commission has reviewed the proposed tariff sheets and Staff's

recommendation. The Commission finds that the proposed tariff sheets conform to

Empire's Commission-approved PGA Clause. In addition, because Empire's PGA clause

¹ Calendar dates refer to 2012.

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allows for PGA change filings to take effect on 10-days' notice, good cause has been shown pursuant to Section 393.140(11), RSMo 2000, to permit the tariff to become effective on less than 30-days notice. The Commission concludes that the proposed tariff sheets should be approved to become effective on November 14, 2012, on an interim basis, subject to refund, pending final Commission decision in this case.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The proposed tariff sheets filed on October 31, 2012, by The Empire District Gas Company, assigned Tracking Number YG-2013-0210, and bearing an effective date of November 14, 2012, are approved on an interim basis, subject to refund, pending final Commission decision in this case and File No. GR-2012-0124. The tariff sheets approved are:

P.S.C. MO No. 2

8th Revised SHEET No. 62, Cancelling 7th Revised SHEET No. 62 8th Revised SHEET No. 63, Cancelling 7th Revised SHEET No. 63 8th Revised SHEET No. 65, Cancelling 7th Revised SHEET No. 65

2. This order shall become effective on November 14, 2012.

BY THE COMMISSION

Steven C. Reed

Secretary

(SEAL)

Gunn, Chm., Jarrett, Kenney, and Stoll, CC., concur.

Pridgin, Senior Regulatory Law Judge