BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of The Empire District Gas Company's) File No. GR-2009-0397 Purchased Gas Adjustment (PGA) Tariff Filing)

ORDER DIRECTING FILING

Issue Date: March 18, 2011

Effective Date: March 18, 2011

On December 30, 2010, the Staff of the Commission filed its recommendation regarding The Empire District Gas Company's 2008-2009 Actual Cost Adjustment filings for each of its three districts. Empire responded to Staff's recommendation on January 31, 2011, and Staff replied to Empire's response on February 10. In its reply, Staff proposed to engage in discussions with Empire and file a status report on the results of those discussions. The proposed date for the status report, March 11, has passed and no report has been filed. The Commission will request a Staff update.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. No later than March 25, 2011, the Staff of the Commission shall file either a status report or its recommendation.

2. This order shall become effective upon issuance.

BY THE COMMISSION

Steven C. Reed Secretary

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 18th day of March, 2011.

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