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.

Tariff No. YG-2009-0855

NOTICE OF CANCELLATION OF LOCAL PUBLIC HEARING

Issue Date: November 12, 2009

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the local public hearing scheduled for November 10, 2009, beginning at 6:00 p.m. in Room 214 of the Everett W. Brown Education Hall, Northwest Missouri State University, 800 University Drive, Maryville, Missouri, was canceled. The Commission apologizes to any of the parties or the general public who may have been inconvenienced by this last-minute development. Whether the hearing should be rescheduled will be an item for discussion at the prehearing conference.

BY THE COMMISSION

Steven C. Reed Secretary

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Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri, on this 12th day of November, 2009.

Dippell, Deputy Chief Regulatory Law Judge