

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 GRANTING EXTENSION OF TIME

Issue Date: July 24, 2009

Effective Date: July 24, 2009

The Commission's June 12, 2009 order set July 23, 2009, as the filing date for the parties' proposed customer notice and local public hearing recommendations. On July 23, The Empire District Gas Company filed a motion requesting an extension of time. Empire relates that while the parties have discussed the proposed notice, they are unable to meet the filing deadline for several reasons. Similarly, the parties have discussed, but not finalized, locations and dates for local public hearings. Empire requests an extension to July 30, 2009, to file these pleadings.

The Commission will grant Empire's motion.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The Empire District Gas Company's Motion to Extend Date for Filing Customer Notice and Local Public Hearing Recommendation is granted.
2. The parties shall file their proposed customer notice and recommendation(s) for local public hearings no later than July 30, 2009.

3. This order shall become effective upon issuance.

BY THE COMMISSION



Steven C. Reed
Secretary

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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 24th day of July, 2009.