

**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)	<u>File No. GR-2009-0434</u>
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: November 30, 2009

Effective Date: November 30, 2009

The Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission filed a motion requesting an extension of time for the filing of rebuttal testimony so that the parties may focus their attention to settlement discussions. Staff represents that no party will be prejudiced by this extension and no other changes to the procedural schedule will be necessary because of it. The Commission will grant Staff's motion.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission's Motion to Extend Date for Filing Pre-Filed Rebuttal Testimony is granted.
2. The parties shall file their rebuttal testimony no later than December 9, 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 30th day of November, 2009.