BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In The Matter of The Empire District Gas) File No. GR-2013-0250
Company's PGA Filing) Tariff No. YG-2013-0210

ORDER DIRECTING STAFF TO FILE RECOMMENDATION

Issue Date: October 31, 2012 Effective Date: October 31, 2012

On October 31, 2012, The Empire District Gas Company ("Empire") filed tariff sheets proposed to become effective November 14, 2012. The tariff sheets reflect changes in Empire's Purchased Gas Adjustment (PGA) factor as a result of estimated changes in the cost of natural gas for the upcoming winter season.

If the Commission is to consider the tariff at its November 7 agenda meeting, it will need to have a recommendation from its Staff no later than November 5.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

 No later than November 5, 2012, Staff shall file its recommendation regarding the proposed tariff sheets filed on October 31, 2011, by The Empire District Gas Company. 2. This order shall become effective immediately upon issuance.

BY THE COMMISSION

Steven C. Reed Secretary

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Ronald D. Pridgin, Senior Regulatory Law Judge, by delegation of authority pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri, on this 31st day of October, 2012.