

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

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| In the Matter of The Empire District Gas |) | |
| Company's Purchased Gas Adjustment |) | <u>Case No. GR-2016-0099</u> |
| Tariff Filing |) | |

**STAFF REPLY TO EMPIRE'S RESPONSE TO
STAFF RECOMMENDATION AND MEMORANDUM**

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission and replies as follows to the *Response to Staff Recommendation and Memorandum* filed herein by The Empire District Gas Company ("Empire" or "Company"):

1. Staff filed its Actual Cost Adjustment ("ACA") Recommendation in this case concerning Empire's 2014-2015 ACA filing on December 14, 2016. In its ACA Recommendation, Staff recommended certain adjustments to the Company's filed ACA balances and also requested the Company respond to certain other recommendations.

2. Empire filed its *Response to Staff Recommendation and Memorandum* ("Response") on January 30, 2017.

3. Staff has reviewed the Company's Response and does not believe there are any issues that require a procedural schedule be established for this case. The Company agreed with Staff's recommended ACA adjustments; therefore, the ACA balances contained in Staff's ACA Recommendation Memorandum may be approved.

WHEREFORE Staff respectfully requests that the Commission issue an order establishing Empire's ending ACA balances for the 2014-2015 ACA period as set forth in the Staff Recommendation Memorandum filed herein on December 14, 2016, and closing this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, hand-delivered, or transmitted by facsimile or electronic mail to counsel of record this 8th day of February, 2017.

/s/ Jeffrey A. Keevil