

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

In the Matter of the Application of the Empire )  
District Gas Company for a Waiver from the )  
Application of Certain Tariff Language ) **Case No. GT-2007-0207**  
Regarding Refunds. )

**ORDER ESTABLISHING PROTECTIVE ORDER**

Issue Date: December 5, 2006

Effective Date: December 5, 2006

This order grants the request for the Commission's standard protective order.

On December 4, 2006, The Empire District Gas Company filed a Motion for Protective Order. In its motion, Empire requests that the Commission issue its standard protective order to protect highly confidential and proprietary information from disclosure during the course of these proceedings.

Upon review of Empire's motion, the Commission finds that there is a need to protect confidential information and that the request for a protective order is reasonable.

**IT IS ORDERED THAT:**

1. The protective order attached to this order (Attachment A) is adopted.

2. This order shall become effective on December 5, 2006.

**BY THE COMMISSION**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Colleen M. Dale', written over a horizontal line.

Colleen M. Dale  
Secretary

( S E A L )

Cherlyn D. Voss, Regulatory Law Judge,  
by delegation of authority pursuant to  
Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,  
on this 5th day of December, 2006.