BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of The Empire District Gas Company's) File No. GR-2012-0124 Purchased Gas Adjustment Tariff Filing)

ORDER DIRECTING FILING

Issue Date: December 13, 2012 Effective Date: December 13, 2012

On December 12, 2012, the Commission's Staff filed its recommendation regarding The Empire District Gas Company's ("Empire") Actual Cost Adjustment for the 2010-2011 annual period. The Commission will direct Empire to respond to Staff's recommendation.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

- 1. No later than January 25, 2013, The Empire District Gas Company shall respond to Staff's recommendation.
- 2. Any other responses or objections to Staff's recommendation shall be filed no later than January 25, 2013.
 - 3. This order shall become effective upon issuance.

BY THE COMMISSION

Steven C. Reed Secretary

(SEAL)

Harold Stearley, Deputy Chief Regulatory Law Judge, by delegation of authority pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri, on this 13th day of December, 2012.