

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

In the Matter of The Empire District )	
Gas Company's Tariff to Eliminate the )	<b><u>Case No. GT-2013-0395</u></b>
Smithon/Otterville Surcharge )	Tariff No. JG-2013-0356

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

**COMES NOW** the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission) and for its recommendation, states as follows:

1. On February 12, 2013, The Empire District Gas Company ("EDG" or "Company") filed two (2) tariff sheets with a proposed effective date of February 26, 2013 to eliminate the surcharge for EDG customers in the Smithon/Otterville service areas. EDG also motioned for expedited treatment less than the standard 30-day period because the balance previously authorized by the Commission in Case No. GA-92-269 is nearing zero and the Company wishes to avoid over collection of the surcharge.

2. The Staff has reviewed the filed tariff sheets and recommends their approval. Staff also recommends approval of EDG's motion for expedited treatment because good cause has been shown by its avoiding over collection from affected ratepayers. (Please see Staff's Memorandum attached as Appendix A).

**WHEREFORE**, for the reasons stated above and in Staff's Memorandum, the Staff recommends the Commission allow the tariff sheets (Tariff No. JG-2013-0356) be allowed to go into effect on February 26, 2013.

Respectfully submitted,

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, hand-delivered, transmitted by facsimile or electronically mailed to all counsel of record this 19<sup>th</sup> day of February 2013.

**/s/ Robert S. Berlin**