

## MEMORANDUM

TO: Missouri Public Service Commission Official Case File, Case No. GT-2013-0395,  
File No. JG-2013-0356, Missouri Gas Energy, a Division of Southern Union  
Company

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SUBJECT: Staff Recommendation on the Tariff Sheet Filed to Eliminate the  
Smithton/Otterville Surcharge and Request for Expedited Treatment

DATE: February 19, 2013

On February 12, 2013, The Empire District Gas Company ("EDG" or "Company") of Joplin, Missouri, filed two (2) tariff sheets with a proposed effective date of February 26, 2013. The purpose of this filing is to eliminate the Surcharge for EDG customers in the Smithton/Otterville areas. In its letter of transmittal, EDG requested expedited treatment to reflect an effective date of February 26, 2013, or a date soon after.

The Surcharge for Smithton/Otterville was approved by the Commission in GA-92-269 to pay for a main extension that allowed for natural gas expansion to those areas. At this time, the balance authorized by the Commission is near zero, and EDG wants to avoid over-recovery from these customers. The request for expedited treatment and an effective date of February 26, 2013, which is less than the standard 30-day period, is justified so there is no over-recovery of the surcharge.

### Staff Recommendation

The Commission's Energy Unit Staff ("Staff") has reviewed the filed tariff sheets and recommends approval of the following tariff sheets, as filed EDG on February 12, 2013. Staff is also of the opinion that good cause for approval of these tariff sheets on less than thirty days notice is demonstrated by timely eliminating the possible over-collection of an amount previously authorized by the Commission. Therefore, Staff recommends the following tariff sheets filed on February 12, 2013, be allowed to go into effect for service on and after February 26, 2013, the requested effective date:

P.S.C. MO. No. 2

2nd Revised Sheet No. 2, Canceling 1st Revised Sheet No. 2

1st Revised Sheet No. 67, Canceling Original Sheet No. 67

The Staff has verified that this Company has filed its annual report and is not delinquent on any assessment. Staff is not aware of any other matter before the Commission that affects or is affected by this filing.