

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

In the Matter of The Empire District Gas Company's)
Purchased Gas Adjustment Tariff Filing.) **File No. GR-2008-0368**

MOTION FOR EXTENSION

COMES NOW The Empire District Gas Company (EDG) and, as its Motion for Extension, states as follows to the Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission):

1. On March 22, 2010, the Commission issued its Order Adopting Procedural Schedule. Among other things, the Order directed that EDG file its direct testimony on April 30, 2010.

2. EDG and the Staff of the commission (Staff) have discussed the possible settlement of this matter and have recently reached an agreement in principle. EDG and Staff are now in the process of preparing a stipulation and agreement for filing with the Commission.

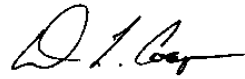
3. In order to provide the parties with the opportunity to complete the stipulation and agreement, without expending additional time and resources to prepare direct testimony, EDG hereby requests that the date for the filing of its direct testimony be extended by ten (10) days, or until May 10, 2010.

4. Counsel for the Staff and the Office of the Public Counsel have indicated they have no objection to the requested extension.

WHEREFORE, EDG respectfully requests that the Commission issue its order

granting EDG an extension until May 10, 2010, to file its direct testimony.

Respectfully submitted,



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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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