

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

In the Matter of the Propriety of the                    )  
Rate Schedules for Gas Service of                    )     File No. GR-2018-0229  
The Empire District Gas Company                    )

**STATUS REPORT**

**COMES NOW** The Empire District Gas Company ("EDG"), and, on behalf of all parties hereto, provides this Status Report to the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission"):

1.       The Commission directed EDG to "report its quantification of impacts of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Acts of 2017, as well as its quantification of its excess protected and unprotected ADIT," and EDG made this filing on November 14, 2018.

2.       On November 15, 2018, a procedural conference was held in this matter, and the Administrative Law Judge directed the parties to file a Status Report by November 21, 2018.

3.       As previously noted, EDG has been quantifying and tracking its excess protected and unprotected ADIT, back to December 31, 2017, for possible future flow back to customers. Also, new rates for EDG took effect October 24, 2018, recognizing the revenue requirement reduction stemming from the reduction in the federal corporate income tax rate from 35 to 21 percent.

4.       EDG estimates its total excess ADIT to be \$2,776,935, of which \$2,568,812 is estimated to be protected, and \$208,123 is estimated to be unprotected. The calculations should be completed and the numbers finalized by the end of December, 2018.

5.       The parties would like additional time to discuss resolution of this case, including the proper method for flowing back the excess ADIT to EDG's customers. In this regard, the parties request until December 14, 2018, to file a settlement agreement or a proposed procedural schedule for the further processing of this case.

**WHEREFORE**, EDG respectfully submits this Status Report and requests such relief as is just and proper under the circumstances.

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that the above and foregoing document was filed in EFIS on this 20<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2018, with notice of the same being sent to all counsel of record.

*/s/ Diana C. Carter*