

**STATE OF MISSOURI  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a session of the Public Service  
Commission held at its office in  
Jefferson City on the 12<sup>th</sup> day  
of November, 2015.

In the Matter of The Empire District Gas     )  
Company's Purchased Gas Adjustment     )  
Tariff Filing     )

**File No. GR-2016-0099**  
Tariff No. YG-2016-0111

**ORDER APPROVING PGA TARIFF**

Issue Date: November 12, 2015

Effective Date: November 16, 2015

On October 30, 2015, The Empire District Gas Company ("Company" or "Empire Gas") filed a tariff sheet that would make an adjustment to the Purchased Gas Adjustment (PGA) rate for Company's South, North and Northwest local distribution systems. Empire Gas submitted a tariff with a November 16 effective date. The Commission issued an order directing its Staff to file a recommendation on the Company's tariff. On November 3, Empire Gas filed a substitute tariff (Tariff No. YG-2016-0111) with a notice stating that the revised sheet was submitted to correct a decimal point error in the original filing that was discovered by Staff.

For Empire Gas' South System, the firm PGA factor for Residential ("RS"), Small Commercial Firm ("SCF"), Small Volume Firm ("SVF") and Large Volume Firm ("LVF") customers will decrease to \$0.47612 per one-hundred cubic feet ("Ccf"), from the current firm PGA factor of \$0.62243 per Ccf. This is a decrease of \$0.14631 per Ccf. This will result in a decrease of approximately \$87 for the average residential customer<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Approximated savings for residential customers in all three service territories are based upon a 600 Ccf usage.

during the winter season, lasting from November 2015 through March 2016. Large Volume Interruptible (“LVI”) customers will have a decreased PGA factor of \$0.49624 from the current PGA factor of \$0.64516 per Ccf. This is a decrease of \$0.14892.

The Company’s North System will have a decreased firm PGA factor for all but the LVI customers to \$0.49903 per Ccf from the current firm PGA factor of \$0.66336 per Ccf (a decrease of \$0.16433 per Ccf). This will result in a decrease of approximately \$98 for the average residential customer during the winter season. For the LVI the PGA factor will decrease by \$0.15819 per Ccf to \$0.45814 per Ccf.

The Company’s Northwest System will have a decreased firm PGA factor for RS, SCF, SVF, and LVF customers to \$0.37828 per Ccf; a decrease of \$0.14873 per Ccf. This will result in a decrease of approximately \$89 for the average residential customer during the winter season. The LVI PGA factor will decrease to \$0.38738 per Ccf.

The Commission’s Staff filed its recommendation on November 6, 2015. Staff recommends the rates be approved on an interim basis, subject to refund pending final Commission decisions in File Nos. GR-2016-0099 and GR-2015-0109.<sup>2</sup> Staff also asks to be allowed until December 16, 2016 to submit its results and recommendations regarding the information included in Empire Gas’ Actual Cost Adjustment (“ACA”) filing.

The Commission has reviewed the proposed tariff sheet and Staff’s recommendation. The Commission set a November 9 deadline for entities to submit comments on the tariff or Staff’s recommendation, but no comments were received. The Commission finds that the proposed tariff sheets conform to Empire Gas’ Commission-approved PGA Clause. In addition, because Empire Gas’ PGA clause allows for filing changes to take effect on 10-days’ notice, good cause has been shown pursuant to

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<sup>2</sup> File No. GR-2015-0109 was established to track Empire Gas’ PGA factors in its 20132014 ACA filing.

Section 393.140(11), RSMo 2000, to permit the tariff sheets to become effective on less than 30-days' notice.

The Commission concludes that the proposed tariff sheets should be approved to become effective on November 16, 2015, on an interim basis, subject to refund, pending final Commission decisions in GR-2016-0099 and GR-2015-0109.

**THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:**

1. The proposed tariff sheets filed on October 30, 2015, by The Empire District Gas Company, assigned Tracking Number YG-2016-0111 and bearing an effective date of November 16, 2015, are approved on an interim basis, subject to refund, pending final Commission decisions in File Nos. GR-2016-0099 and GR-2015-0109. The tariff sheets approved are:

**P.S.C. MO. No. 2**

- 11<sup>th</sup> Revised Sheet No. 62, Cancelling 10<sup>th</sup> Revised Sheet No. 62**
- 11<sup>th</sup> Revised Sheet No. 63, Cancelling 10<sup>th</sup> Revised Sheet No. 63**
- 11<sup>th</sup> Revised Sheet No. 65, Cancelling 10<sup>th</sup> Revised Sheet No. 65**

2. Staff's Procurement Analysis Unit shall submit its results and recommendations regarding the information included in The Empire District Gas Company's ACA filing on or before December 16, 2016.

3. This order shall become effective on November 16, 2015.

**BY THE COMMISSION**



A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Morris L. Woodruff".

Morris L. Woodruff  
Secretary

Hall, Chm., Stoll, Kenney, Rupp, and  
Coleman, CC., concur.

Burton, Regulatory Law Judge.