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**THE EMPIRE DISTRICT GAS COMPANY
JOPLIN, MO 64802**

FOR: All Communities and Rural Areas Receiving
Natural Gas Service

**RULES AND REGULATIONS
GAS**

9.12 Home Performance with ENERGY STAR® Program

APPLICATION:

The Home Performance with ENERGY STAR® Program (“HPwES”) is designed to encourage and facilitate whole-house energy improvements to existing housing. Empire District Gas Company (“Empire” or “Company”) will provide incentives to cover a portion of the cost of the required energy audit and for a portion of the total cost of installed insulation. This Program was approved by the Missouri Public Service Commission in Case No. GR-2009-0434.

DEFINITIONS:

Administrator: The Program will be administered by the Company.

Assessment: An initial energy evaluation of the home conducted by an energy auditor approved by the national Home Performance with ENERGY STAR Program.

Consultant: Third party companies certified to perform the HPwES Assessment and provide a scope of work to the Customer detailing the recommended improvements.

Contractor: Third party companies certified to perform the HPwES Assessment, provide a scope of work to the Customer detailing the recommended improvements, and complete the implementation of the specified improvements.

HPwES: A national program from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (“EPA”) and U.S. Department of Energy (“DOE”) which offers a comprehensive, whole-house approach to improving energy efficiency and comfort at home, while helping to protect the environment. The Company is implementing the national program locally under the sponsorship of the Missouri Department of Natural Resources (“MDNR”). Additional information may be found at www.energystar.gov under Home Performance with ENERGY STAR.

Participant: An existing homeowner with an active account with the Company who is being served under any Residential rate class and who has an Assessment performed on the home and installs at least one of the insulation measures identified. This program is not available to inactive and final bill accounts.

TERMS & CONDITIONS:

1. The program will offer incentives toward the cost of the Assessment and the installation of insulation to eligible customers.
2. Eligible customers are existing homeowners with active accounts who are served under any Residential rate classes who have an Assessment performed on the home and install at least one of the insulation measures identified.
3. Customers will be eligible for the following rebates:
 - a. \$25 toward the cost of the Assessment;
 - b. 50% of the total cost of insulation added as a result of the Assessment with a maximum rebate per customer of \$400.
 - c. Participants are also eligible to receive rebates under other applicable Empire ENERGY STAR programs.
4. This HPwES program will continue for three (3) years from the effective date of this tariff, unless otherwise ordered by the Commission.