

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a session of the Public Service
Commission held at its office
in Jefferson City on the 28th
day of November, 2018.

In the Matter of The Empire District)
Electric Company's Purchased Gas) **File No. GR-2019-0124**
Adjustment Tariff Filing) Tariff No. YG-2019-0075

ORDER APPROVING TARIFF

Issue Date: November 28, 2018

Effective Date: December 1, 2018

On November 2, 2018, The Empire District Gas Company (Empire) filed tariff sheets proposed to become effective December 1, 2018. The tariff sheets reflect proposed changes in Empire's Purchased Gas Adjustment (PGA) factors as a result of estimated changes in the cost of natural gas, as well as changes in the Actual Cost Adjustment (ACA) factors, for the 2018-2019 winter season.

Changes in the PGA factor applicable to Empire's South System will decrease the Total PGA. The Large Volume Interruptible (LVI) Total PGA for the South System will decrease to \$0.43316 from the current LVI Total PGA of \$0.52284 per Ccf. This represents a decrease of \$0.08968.

Additionally, changes in the PGA factor applicable to Empire's North System will decrease the Total PGA. For the North System LVI, this tariff filing will decrease the Total PGA to \$0.40870 per Ccf from the current Total PGA of \$0.44620 per Ccf. This represents a decrease of \$0.03750 per Ccf.

Further, changes in the PGA factor applicable to Empire's Northwest System will decrease the Total PGA. For the Northwest System LVI, this tariff filing will decrease the Total PGA to \$0.37031 per Ccf from the current Total PGA of \$0.40224 per Ccf. This represents a decrease of \$0.03193 per Ccf.

Empire's filing also includes adjustments to the ACA factors. The Procurement Analysis Unit of the Missouri Public Service Commission Staff will review Empire's ACA filing and requests permission to submit its results and recommendations on or before December 17, 2019.

Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff) filed its recommendation regarding the PGA factors on November 19, 2018. Staff recommended the rates be approved on an interim basis, subject to refund, pending final Commission decision in this file and in the final decision in File No. GR-2018-0122, which was established to track Empire's PGA factors in its 2016-2017 ACA filing.

The Commission has reviewed the proposed tariff sheets as revised and Staff's recommendation. The Commission finds that the proposed tariff sheets conform to Empire's Commission-approved PGA Clause. In addition, because Empire's PGA clause allows for PGA change filings to take effect on ten-days' notice, good cause has been shown pursuant to Section 393.140(11), RSMo 2016, to permit the tariff to become effective on less than 30-days' notice. The Commission concludes the proposed tariff sheets should be approved to become effective on December 1, 2018, on an interim basis, subject to refund, pending final Commission decision in this file and File No. GR-2018-0122.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The proposed tariff sheets filed on November 2, 2018, assigned Tracking Number YG-2019-0075, and bearing an effective date of December 1, 2018, are approved on an interim basis, subject to refund, pending final Commission decisions in this file and in File No. GR-2018-0122. The tariff sheets approved are:

P.S.C. MO. No. 2

14th Revised Sheet No. 62, Cancelling 13th Revised Sheet No. 62
14th Revised Sheet No. 63, Cancelling 13th Revised Sheet No. 63
14th Revised Sheet No. 65, Cancelling 13th Revised Sheet No. 65

2. Staff shall submit its results and recommendations regarding the information included in the November 2, 2018 ACA filing on or before December 17, 2019.

3. This order shall become effective on December 1, 2018.

BY THE COMMISSION



Morris L. Woodruff

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Secretary

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

John T. Clark, Regulatory Law Judge