

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

In the Matter of The Empire District)	
Gas Company's Purchased Gas)	<u>File No. GR-2018-0122</u>
Adjustment Tariff Filing)	Tracking No. YG-2018-0055

ORDER APPROVING TARIFF

Issue Date: November 20, 2017

Effective Date: December 1, 2017

On November 3, 2017, The Empire District Gas Company (Empire) filed tariff sheets proposed to become effective December 1, 2017. On November 7, 2017, Empire filed substitute tariff sheets to correct an error in the original filing. 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 2017-2018 winter season.

Changes in the PGA factor applicable to Empire's South System will increase the Total PGA for Residential (RS), Small Commercial Firm (SCF), Small Volume Firm (SVF) and Large Volume Firm (LVF) customers to \$0.56661 per one-hundred cubic feet (Ccf), from the current Total PGA of \$0.51912 per Ccf. This represents an increase of \$0.04749 per Ccf. The Large Volume Interruptible (LVI) Total PGA for the South System will increase to \$0.52284 from the current LVI Total PGA of \$0.49824 per Ccf. This represents an increase of \$0.02460.

Additionally, changes in the PGA factor applicable to Empire's North System will increase the Total PGA for RS, SCF, SVF, and LVF customers to \$0.53601 per Ccf, from the current Total PGA of \$0.48714 per Ccf. This represents an increase of \$0.04887 per Ccf. For the North System LVI, this tariff filing will increase the Total PGA

to \$0.44620 per Ccf from the current Total PGA of \$0.42705 per Ccf. This represents an increase of \$0.01915 per Ccf.

Further, changes in the PGA factor applicable to Empire's Northwest System will increase the Total PGA for RS, SCF, SVF, and LVF customers to \$0.35333 per Ccf, from the current Total PGA of \$0.34537 per Ccf. This represents an increase of \$0.00796 per Ccf. For the Northwest System LVI, this tariff filing will increase the Total PGA to \$0.40224 per Ccf from the current Total PGA of \$0.37904 per Ccf. This represents an increase of \$0.02320 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, 2018.

Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff) filed its recommendation regarding the PGA factors on November 14, 2017. 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-2017-0134, which was established to track Empire's PGA factors in its 2015-2016 ACA filing.

The Commission has reviewed the proposed tariff sheet as revised and Staff's recommendation. The Commission independently 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, 2017, on an interim basis, subject to refund, pending final Commission decision in this file and File No. GR-2017-0134.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The proposed tariff sheets filed on November 3, 2017, and substituted on November 7, 2017, by The Empire District Gas Company assigned Tracking Number YG-2018-0055, and bearing an effective date of December 1, 2017, are approved on an interim basis, subject to refund, pending final Commission decisions in this file and in File No. GR-2017-0134. The tariff sheets approved are:

P.S.C. MO. No. 2

13th Revised Sheet No. 62, Cancelling 12th Revised Sheet No. 62
13th Revised Sheet No. 63, Cancelling 12th Revised Sheet No. 63
13th Revised Sheet No. 65, Cancelling 12th Revised Sheet No. 65

2. Staff shall submit its results and recommendations regarding the information included in the November 3, 2017 ACA filing on or before December 18, 2018.

3. This order shall become effective on December 1, 2017.

BY THE COMMISSION



Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary



Nancy Dippell, Senior Regulatory Law Judge,
by delegation of authority pursuant to
Section 386.240, RSMo 2016.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri
on this 20th day of November, 2017.

STATE OF MISSOURI

OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

I have compared the preceding copy with the original on file in this office and I do hereby certify the same to be a true copy therefrom and the whole thereof.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the Public Service Commission,
at Jefferson City, Missouri, this 20th day of November 2017.




Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary

MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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Enclosed find a certified copy of an Order or Notice issued in the above-referenced matter(s).

Sincerely,



**Morris L. Woodruff
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