

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a session of the Public Service Commission held at its office in Jefferson City on the 21st day of November, 2019.

In the Matter of The Empire District Gas)	<u>File No. GR-2020-0124</u>
Company's Purchased Gas Adjustment)	Tariff No. YG-2020-0074
Tariff Filing)	

ORDER APPROVING TARIFF

Issue Date: November 21, 2019

Effective Date: December 4, 2019

On November 4, 2019, The Empire District Gas Company (Empire) filed tariff sheets proposed to become effective December 4, 2019. 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 from November 2019 through October 2020, as well as changes in the Actual Cost Adjustment (ACA) factors for the ACA year ending August 2019.

The tariff changes will affect the PGA factors for Empire's South, North, and Northwest systems. Changes in the PGA factor applicable to Empire's South System will decrease the total PGA by \$0.07538 per Ccf from \$0.39846 per Ccf to \$0.32308 per Ccf. The PGA factor applicable to Empire's North System will decrease the total PGA by \$0.10776 per Ccf from \$0.45425 per Ccf to \$0.34649 per Ccf. For the Northwest System, this tariff filing will decrease the total PGA by \$0.01189 per Ccf from \$0.33903 per Ccf to \$0.35092 per Ccf. Empire's filing also includes adjustments to the ACA factors.

Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff) filed its recommendation on November 15, 2019. Staff recommended the PGA rates be approved on an interim

basis, subject to refund, pending final Commission decision in this file and the final decision in File No. GR-2019-0124, which was established to track Empire's PGA factors in its 2017-2018 ACA filing. The Procurement Analysis Department 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 15, 2020.

The Commission has reviewed the proposed tariff sheets 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 provides that PGA change filings will take effect no more than 30-days after filing with the Commission,¹ 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 4, 2019, on an interim basis, subject to refund, pending final Commission decision in this file and File No. GR-2019-0126. So that the tariff will become effective on December 4, 2019, this order will become effective in less than 30 days after its issuance.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The proposed tariff sheets filed on November 4, 2019, assigned Tracking Number YG-2020-0074, and bearing an effective date of December 4, 2019, are approved on an interim basis, subject to refund, pending final Commission decisions in this file and in File No. GR-2019-0124. The tariff sheets approved are:

¹ Missouri Public Service Commission Gas Tariff of The Empire District Gas Company, P.S.C. MO. No. 2, Original Sheet No. 55.

P.S.C. MO. No. 2

15th Revised Sheet No. 62, Cancelling 14th Revised Sheet No. 62

15th Revised Sheet No. 63, Cancelling 14th Revised Sheet No. 63

15th Revised Sheet No. 65, Cancelling 14th Revised Sheet No. 65

2. Staff shall submit its results and recommendations regarding the information included in the November 4, 2019 ACA filing on or before December 15, 2020.

3. This order shall become effective on December 4, 2019.



BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Morris L. Woodruff".

Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary

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

Dippell, Senior Regulatory Law Judge