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

CASE NO. GR-2009-0434 THE EMPIRE DISTRICT GAS COMPANY

**SURREBUTTAL TESTIMONY** 

OF

**RICHARD HAUBENSAK** 

ON BEHALF OF CONSTELLATION NEWENERGY-GAS DIVISION, LLC

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- 1 Q. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND BUSINESS ADDRESS.
- 2 A. My name is Richard Haubensak. My business address is 12120 Port Grace
- Boulevard, Suite 200, LaVista, Nebraska 68128.
- 4 Q. DID YOU PREVIOUSLY PRESENT DIRECT AND REBUTTAL TESTIMONY IN
- 5 THIS CASE?
- 6 A. Yes, I did.
- 7 Q. What is the purpose of your surrebuttal testimony?
- 8 A. I wish to comment on the Rebuttal Testimony of Empire witness H. Edwin
- 9 Overcast regarding the reasons for which Empire may issue an Operational
- 10 Flow Order (OFO).
- 11 Q. PLEASE PROCEED.
- 12 A. Mr. Overcast argues on page 10 of his Rebuttal Testimony, beginning at line
- 9, that "there are many operational reasons for an OFO for the local system
- unrelated to pipeline OFO orders". It is confusing why Mr. Overcast has
- included this argument in his rebuttal testimony. I generally agree with him.
- As stated in my direct testimony, on page 12, starting on line 6, "Empire
- should only be allowed to call an OFO when one has been called by the
- respective interstate pipeline *or* if there is a true emergency on the Empire
- system. [Emphasis added.] Empire should not be allowed to call an OFO just
- for its own convenience with the result that Empire would be imposing
- 21 possible penalties on the transportation customers and marketers that those
- customers and marketers are not responsible for."

#### 1 Q. What do you think is appropriate tariff language for when an

#### 2 LDC LIKE EMPIRE SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO CALL AN OFO?

- 3 A. I have provided Schedule RJH-3 which is made up of pages WT-31 and WT-
- 4 32 of MidAmerican Energy Company's Iowa tariff. At the top of tariff sheet
- 5 WT-32, five reasons are set out for which the LDC may call an OFO. I believe
- similar language to this would be appropriate for Empire.

#### 7 Q. Does this conclude your surrebuttal testimony?

8 A. Yes, it does.

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Company of Joplin, Missouri for Authority to
File Tariffs Increasing Rates for Gas Service
Provided to Customers in the Missouri
Service Area of the Company

Case No. GR-2009-0434 Tariff No. YG-2009-0855

### AFFIDAVIT OF RICHARD HAUBENSAK

Richard Haubensak, of lawful age, on his oath, states that he has participated in the preparation of the foregoing Surrebuttal Testimony in question and answer form, to be presented in the above case; that the answers in the foregoing Surrebuttal Testimony were given by him; that he has knowledge of the matters set forth in such answers; and that such matters are true and correct to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Richard Haubensak

Subscribed and sworn before me this 28 day of December 2009.

GENERAL NOTARY - State of Nebraska
MIKE G. PETERSEN
My Comm. Exp. Nov. 7, 2010

Notary Public

My Commission Expires: No. 7 2010