

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

In the matter of The Empire District Gas )  
Company's Tariff to Eliminate the ) File No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Smithton/Otterville Surcharge ) Tracking No. JG-2013-0356

**MOTION FOR EXPEDITED TREATMENT**

COMES NOW The Empire District Gas Company (EDG or Company), and, in accordance with Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission) Rules 4 CSR 240-2.080(16) and 4 CSR 240-2.065(2), moves the Commission for expedited treatment of EDG's tariff sheets filed on February 12, 2013:

1. EDG is a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Kansas, with its principal office located at 602 Joplin Street, Joplin, Missouri 64802. EDG is a "gas corporation" and a "public utility" as those terms are defined in Section 386.020 RSMo and as such is subject to the jurisdiction of the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission") as provided by law. EDG provides natural gas service in the Missouri counties of Cooper, Henry, Johnson, Lafayette, Morgan, Pettis, Platte, Ray Saline, Vernon, Chariton, Grundy, Howard, Linn, Atchison, Holt, Nodaway, Andrew and Livingston.

2. EDG was authorized to provide natural gas service pursuant to authority granted by the Commission in Case No. GO-2006-0205, by Commission Order issued on April 18, 2006. Included in such authority was a certificate of convenience and necessity to provide natural gas service in specified service areas in Missouri. A certified copy of EDG's Certificate of Authority to do business as a foreign corporation evidencing EDG's authority to conduct business in Missouri was submitted in Case No. GO-2006-0205 and is incorporated herein by this reference. EDG has no pending

action or final unsatisfied judgments or decisions against it from any state or federal agency or court within the past three years that involve customer service or rates. EDG has no annual report or assessment fees that are overdue.

3. All correspondence, pleadings, communications, notices, orders and decisions of the Commission with respect to this matter should be sent to the undersigned counsel and to the following:

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4. Concurrently, with the filing of this Motion, EDG has filed two tariff sheets (P.S.C. Mo. No. 2, 2nd Revised Sheet No. 2, canceling P.S.C. Mo. No. 2, 1<sup>st</sup> Revised Sheet No. 2 and P.S.C. Mo. No. 2, 1<sup>st</sup> Revised Sheet No. 67, canceling P.S.C. Mo. No. 2, Original Sheet No. 67 - provided herewith as **Appendix A**). These tariff sheets carry a proposed effective date of March 14, 2013 (30 days), and were assigned tracking number JG-2013-0356.

5. EDG seeks the Commission's order allowing the proposed tariff sheets to go into effect on February 26, 2013, or as soon as they may be acted on by the Commission.

6. The current Sheet No. 67 contains the Smithton/Otterville Surcharge, which was associated with the main extension approved by the Commission in Case No. GA-92-269. The surcharge was designed to recover from specific customers the costs associated with the Smithton/Otterville expansion. The balance the Company

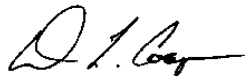
was authorized to recover using the surcharge is near zero, and to avoid an over-recovery from the customers, the surcharge needs to be terminated. The proposed tariff sheet No. 67 is designed to terminate that surcharge. The proposed tariff Sheet No. 2 would eliminate the reference to that surcharge currently contained in the tariff Index and correct some erroneous sheet numbers associated with the Purchased Gas Adjustment sheets.

7. Granting this Motion will afford certain of EDG's customer relief from a surcharge that will have served its intended purpose. As such, the requested Commission action will be consistent with the public interest.

8. The subject tariff sheets and this Motion have been filed as soon as possible after the status of the Smithton/Otterville Surcharge was determined.

WHEREFORE, for the foregoing reasons, EDG respectfully requests the Commission to grant EDG's Motion for Expedited Treatment and approve EDG's proposed tariff sheets (JG-2013-0356) to be effective on February 26, 2013, or as soon as they may be acted on by the Commission.

Respectfully submitted,



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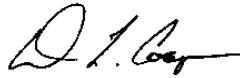
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## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned certifies that a true and correct copy of the foregoing document was sent by electronic mail on February 12, 2013, to the following:

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