

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

In the matter of The Empire District Gas)
Company's Tariff to Extend DSM) File No. _____
Programs) Tracking No. JG-2013-0479

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 an EDG tariff sheet filed on April 24, 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 a tariff sheet (P.S.C. Mo. No. 2, 1st Revised Sheet No. R-51i, canceling P.S.C. Mo. No. 2, Original Sheet No. R-51i - provided herewith as **Appendix A**). This tariff sheet carries a proposed effective date of May 24, 2013 (30 days), and was assigned tracking number JG-2013-0479.

5. EDG seeks the Commission's order allowing the proposed tariff sheet to go into effect on May 12, 2013, or as soon as they may be acted on by the Commission.

6. The purpose of the proposed tariff sheet is to extend the Home Performance with Energy Star Program originally put in place as a result of the Commission's approval of the Partial Stipulation and Agreement in Commission Case No. GR-2009-0434, for a three year period. In the absence of such extension, this program, among others, will have terminated as of April 1, 2013, and not be available to EDG's customers.

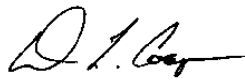
7. EDG previously filed, on April 12, 2013, a series of tariff sheets related to other demand side management (DSM) programs for this same purpose. Those sheets are identified by Tracking Number JG-2013-0445. The attached tariff sheet was inadvertently left out of that previous filing. EDG seeks expedited treatment of this tariff sheet so that all EDG's DSM programs will be effective as of the same date.

8. Granting this Motion will afford EDG's customers the opportunity to participate in the subject DSM program in a more timely manner. As such, the requested Commission action will be consistent with the public interest.

9. The subject tariff sheet and this Motion have been filed as soon as possible after the subject error was discovered.

WHEREFORE, for the foregoing reasons, EDG respectfully requests the Commission to grant EDG's Motion for Expedited Treatment and approve EDG's proposed tariff sheet (JG-2013-0479) to be effective on May 12, 2013.

Respectfully submitted,



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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 April 24, 2013, to the following:

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