

**STATE OF MISSOURI  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a session of the Public Service  
Commission held at its office in  
Jefferson City on the 9th day of  
May, 2012.

In the Matter of the Application for Variances	)	
by The Empire District Electric Company and	)	<b><u>Case No. EE-2012-0352</u></b>
The Empire District Gas Company to Allow	)	Tariff No. JE-2012-0603
for Electronic Billing for Water, Electric, and	)	Tariff No. JG-2012-0604
Gas Services	)	Tariff No. JW-2012-0605

**ORDER GRANTING VARIANCE  
AND APPROVING TARIFF SHEETS**

Issue Date: May 9, 2012

Effective Date: May 17, 2012

On April 17, 2012, The Empire District Gas Company and The Empire District Electric Company (the "Companies") asked the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission") for variance from Commission Rules 4 CSR 240-13.015(1)(B) and (T). The Companies request these waivers so that they may offer electronic billing to their customers. The Companies also filed tariff sheets, effective May 17, 2012, to implement the proposed electronic billing. The Companies filed substitute tariff sheets for Tariff No. JW-2012-0605 on April 19, 2012 and April 24, 2012.

The Staff of the Commission filed its recommendation on May 2, 2012. In the recommendation, Staff stated that the proposed tariffs would allow customers the option to receive and pay bills electronically. Further, Staff stated that the proposed tariffs are similar to electronic billing programs already used by Union Electric Company, Missouri Gas Energy, Laclede Gas Company, Kansas City Power & Light Company, and KCP&L Greater

Missouri Operations Company. Staff recommends that the Commission approve the variance and tariff sheets.

Commission Rules 4 CSR 240-2.060(4) and 4 CSR 240-13.065(1) allow the Commission to grant variances from Commission rules for good cause shown. Upon review of the Companies' verified application, the Commission's rules, and Staff's recommendation, the Commission finds that the Companies have shown good cause in their request for a variance.

**THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:**

1. The Empire District Gas Company and The Empire District Electric Company are granted a variance from Commission Rules 4 CSR 240-13.015(1)(B) and (T).

2. The Commission approves Tariff No. JE-2012-0603, which is the tariff of The Empire District Electric Company filed on April 17, 2012 and effective on May 17, 2012. The specific tariff sheet approved is:

**P.S.C. MO. No. 5**

Section 5, 7<sup>th</sup> Revised, Sheet No. 2, Canceling Section 5, 6<sup>th</sup> Revised, Sheet No. 2

3. The Commission approves Tariff No. JG-2012-0604, which is the tariff of The Empire District Gas Company filed on April 17, 2012 and effective on May 17, 2012. The specific tariff sheets approved are:

**P.S.C. MO. No. 2**

Section 2, 1<sup>st</sup> Revised, Sheet No. R-3, Canceling Section 2, Original, Sheet No. R-3  
Section 2, 1<sup>st</sup> Revised, Sheet No. R-4, Canceling Section 2, Original, Sheet No. R-4

4. The Commission approves Tariff No. JW-2012-0605, which is the tariff of The Empire District Electric Company filed on April 17, 2012, amended on April 19 and 24, 2012, and effective on May 17, 2012. The specific tariff sheets approved are:

**P.S.C. MO. No. 4**

Section 2, 1<sup>st</sup> Revised, Sheet No. 2, Canceling Section 2, Original, Sheet No. 2  
Section 2, 1<sup>st</sup> Revised, Sheet No. 3, Canceling Section 2, Original, Sheet No. 3

5. This order shall become effective on May 17, 2012.
6. This case may be closed on May 18, 2012.

**BY THE COMMISSION**



Steven C. Reed  
Secretary

( S E A L )

Gunn, Chm., Jarrett and Kenney,  
CC., concur.

Bushmann, Regulatory Law Judge