BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of The Empire District Gas)	
Company's Request for Extension of)	Case No
Time Concerning Its Annual Report)	
Filing.)	

APPLICATION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME CONCERNING ANNUAL REPORT FILING

COMES NOW The Empire District Gas Company (EDG or Company), and, for its Application for Extension of Time Concerning Annual Report Filing, states as follows to the Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission):

APPLICANT

- 1. EDG is a Kansas corporation with its principal office and place of business at 602 Joplin Street, Joplin, Missouri 64802. EDG is engaged, generally, in the business of providing natural gas distribution service in Missouri in the counties of Cooper, Henry, Johnson, Lafayette, Morgan, Pettis, Platte, Ray, Saline, Vernon, Chariton, Grundy, Howard, Linn, Atchison, Holt, Nodaway, Andrew and Livingston. EDG's operations are subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission as provided by law.
- 2. A Certificate from the Missouri Secretary of State that EDG, a foreign corporation, is authorized to do business in Missouri was filed with the Commission in Case No. GO-2006-0205, and is incorporated by reference in accordance with Commission rule 4 CSR 240-2.060(1)(G). This information is current and correct. EDG has no pending actions or final unsatisfied judgments or decisions against it from any state or federal agency or court that involve customer service or rates. EDG's annual report and assessment fees are not overdue.

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

Laurie A. Delano, Controller The Empire District Gas Company 602 Joplin Street P.O. Box 127 Joplin, Missouri 64802 Phone: (417) 625-5127

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REQUEST FOR EXTENSION

- 4. On February 25, 2010, filed a letter with the Commission notifying the Commission that EDG requested an extension of the date for the filing of its annual report for its natural gas operations to May 15, 2010 (BARE-2010-0432). This extension was acknowledged by the Commission on March 1, 2010.
- 5. The need for the extension until May 15, 2010, was based on the fact that EDG provides its annual financial statements to its Bondholders that are due by April 15, 2010, and that it was necessary to complete those statements prior to the completion of the annual report.
- 6. It has recently become apparent to EDG that it will not be able to complete its annual report by May 15, 2010. This is due to certain additional information that must be provided on this year's report and that will not be available by May 15, 2010. EDG personnel have had verbal conversations with Commission personnel to alert them to this situation.
- 7. EDG hereby requests that the Commission grant it an additional extension to complete and file the gas annual report until June 1, 2010.

8. EDG will provide a copy of this request to all parties of record in pending cases before the Commission where EDG's activities are the primary focus of the proceedings.

WHEREFORE, EDG respectfully requests the Commission issue its order granting the extension requested herein.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned certifies that a true and correct copy of the foregoing letter was sent by electronic mail on May 14, 2010, to the following:

Office of the General Counsel
Governor Office Building
Jefferson City, MO 65101

Office of the Public Counsel
Governor Office Building
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And to all other parties of record in pending cases before the Commission where Empire's activities are the primary focus of the proceedings (GR-2008-0368 and GR-2009-0397).

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VERIFICATION

STATE OF MISSOURI)
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COUNTY OF Jasper)

I, Laurie A. Delano, state that I am employed by The Empire District Gas Company (EDG) as Controller and Assistant Secretary/Treasurer; that I have read the above and foregoing document; that the statements contained therein are true and correct to the best of my information, knowledge and belief; and, that I am authorized to make this statement on behalf of EDG.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 14th day of May, 2010.

, Notary Public

LYN M WILLIAMS

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