

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

In the Matter of The Empire District)	
Gas Company d/b/a Liberty's Purchased)	<u>File No. GR-2023-0150</u>
Purchased Gas Adjustment Tariff Filing)	Tracking No. JG-2024-0058

ORDER APPROVING PGA TARIFF

Issue Date: November 22, 2023

Effective Date: December 3, 2023

On November 3, 2023, The Empire District Gas Company d/b/a Liberty (Empire) filed proposed tariff sheets to reflect changes in the Purchased Gas Adjustment (PGA) factors for its three PGA service areas and the Actual Cost Adjustment (ACA) factors a result of changes in the cost of natural gas. The tariff sheets bear an effective date of December 3.

The Commission directed that no later than November 16, 2023, the Staff of the Commission (Staff) file a recommendation and that any other party wishing to do so file a response to Staff's recommendation or to the tariff sheet no later than November 20, 2023. Staff filed a recommendation on November 14, 2023. No other party filed a response.

According to Empire, the proposed PGA tariff sheet will decrease the firm PGA rate for the South service area from the current \$1.154290 per Ccf (100 cubic feet) to \$0.82071 per Ccf. For the North service area, the effect of these changes will decrease the firm PGA rate from the current \$1.054620 per Ccf to \$0.59865 per Ccf. For the Northwest service area, the proposed changes will decrease the firm PGA rate from the current \$1.305140 per Ccf to \$0.34303 per Ccf.

In its recommendation, Staff explained that this file was established to track Empire's PGA factors to be reviewed in its 2022-2023 ACA filing. Staff recommends the proposed rate changes be approved on an interim basis, subject to refund, pending final Commission decisions in File Nos. GR-2023-0129 (2021-2022 ACA period) and GR-2024-0150 (2022-2023 ACA period).

The Commission has reviewed the proposed tariff sheets and Staff's recommendation. The Commission finds that the proposed tariff sheets conform Empire's Commission-approved PGA tariff. The Commission concludes the proposed tariff sheets should be approved to become effective on December 8, 2023, on an interim basis, subject to refund, pending final Commission decision in this file and File Nos. GR-2023-0129 and GR-2024-0150.

Additionally, Staff asks that the Commission direct that Staff's ACA filing in this file be submitted on or before December 16, 2024. The Commission finds that request reasonable and will grant it.

The Commission finds it reasonable for this order to be effective in less than thirty days so the order will be effective at the same time as the tariff sheets.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The tariff sheets assigned Tracking No. JG-2024-0058, are approved on an interim basis and subject to refund, pending final Commission decisions in this file and in File Nos. GR-2023-0129 and GR-2024-0150. The tariff sheets approved are:

P.S.C. MO. No. 2

20th Revised Sheet No. 62, Cancelling 19th Revised Sheet No. 62
20th Revised Sheet No. 63, Canceling 19th Revised Sheet No. 63
20th Revised Sheet No. 65, Canceling 19th Revised Sheet No. 65

2. Staff shall file its ACA filing in this file no later than December 16, 2024.

3. This order shall become effective on December 3, 2023.



BY THE COMMISSION

Nancy Dippell

Nancy Dippell
Secretary

Nancy Dippell, Chief Regulatory Law Judge,
by delegation of authority pursuant to
Section 386.240, RSMo 2016.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 22nd day of November, 2023.

STATE OF MISSOURI

OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

I have compared the preceding copy with the original on file in this office and I do hereby certify the same to be a true copy therefrom and the whole thereof.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the Public Service Commission, at Jefferson City, Missouri, this 22nd day of November 2023.



Nancy Dippell

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Secretary

MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

November 22, 2023

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Enclosed find a certified copy of an Order or Notice issued in the above-referenced matter(s).

Sincerely,



**Nancy Dippell
Secretary**

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