

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of The Empire District Gas)	
Company's d/b/a Liberty (Empire))	<u>File No. GR-2025-0137</u>
Purchased Gas Adjustment Tariff Filing)	Tracking No. JG-2025-0062

ORDER APPROVING PGA TARIFF

Issue Date: November 20, 2024

Effective Date: December 1, 2024

On November 4, 2024,¹ The Empire District Gas Company d/b/a Liberty (Empire) filed tariff sheets to reflect changes in the company's Purchased Gas Adjustment (PGA) factors as the result of estimated changes in the cost of natural gas for the upcoming winter season and changes in the Actual Cost Adjustment (ACA) factors. The tariff sheets were assigned Tracking No. JG-2025-0062, and bear an effective date of December 1.

As presented in Empire's submission letter, the proposed tariff sheets will decrease PGA rates as follows:

South service area: The effect of these changes will decrease the firm PGA rate from the current \$0.82071 per Ccf² to \$0.70364 per Ccf.

North service area: The effect of these changes will decrease the firm PGA rate from the current \$0.59865 per Ccf to \$0.18554 per Ccf.

Northwest service area: The effect of these changes will decrease the firm PGA rate from the current \$0.34303 per Ccf to \$0.07986 per Ccf.

¹ All dates refer to 2024 unless otherwise indicated.

² Ccf is a volume measurement of natural gas and equals 100 cubic feet of natural gas.

The Commission directed a recommendation and other responses to Empire's proposed tariff sheets be filed no later than November 14. The Staff of the Commission (Staff) filed its recommendation on November 12. No other responses were filed.

Staff stated that File No. GR-2025-0137, the present case, was established to track Empire's PGA factors to be reviewed in its 2023-2024 ACA filing. File No. GR-2024-0150 was established to track Empire's PGA factors to be reviewed for the 2022-2023 ACA period. And File No. GR-2023-0129 was established to track Empire's PGA factors to be reviewed for the 2021-2022 ACA period. Staff recommended the rate changes proposed in the present case should be made on an interim basis, subject to refund, and pending final Commission decisions in ACA File Nos. GR-2025-0137, GR-2024-0150, and GR-2023-0129. Staff also requested to file the results and recommendations regarding the information included in this ACA filing no later than December 15, 2025.

The Commission has reviewed the proposed tariff sheets and Staff's verified recommendation. The Commission finds that the proposed tariff sheets conform to Empire's Commission-approved PGA tariff. In addition, because Empire's PGA clause allows for PGA change filings to take effect after ten business days, good cause has been shown pursuant to Section 393.140(11), RSMo (2016), to permit the tariff to become effective on less than 30-days' notice. The Commission concludes the proposed tariff sheets should be approved to become effective on December 1, on an interim basis, subject to refund, and pending final Commission decision in this file and File Nos. GR-2024-0150 and GR-2023-0129. For the same reasons that the tariff sheets will take effect in less than 30 days, the Commission finds it reasonable for this order to become effective in less than 30 days.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The tariff sheets assigned Tracking No. JG-2025-0062 are approved on an interim basis and subject to refund, pending final Commission decisions in this file, File No. GR-2024-0150 and in File No. GR-2023-0129. The tariff sheets, which are approved to become effective on December 1, 2024, are as follows:

P.S.C. MO No. 2

22nd Revised Sheet No. 62, Cancelling 21st Revised Sheet No. 62
21st Revised Sheet No. 63, Cancelling 20th Revised Sheet No. 63
21st Revised Sheet No. 65, Cancelling 20th Revised Sheet No. 65

2. On or before December 15, 2025, Staff's Procurement Analysis Department shall submit the results and recommendations of its ACA review.

3. This order shall become effective on December 1, 2024.

BY THE COMMISSION



Nancy Dippell

Nancy Dippell
Secretary

Charles Hatcher, Senior Regulatory
Law Judge, by delegation of authority
pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2016.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 20th day of November, 2024.

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 20th day of November 2024.



Nancy Dippell

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Secretary

MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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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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