

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

In the Matter of the Application of The Empire District)	
Gas Company, for a Certificate of Public Convenience)	
and Necessity Authorizing it to Construct, Install, Own,)	
Operate, Control, Manage and Maintain a Natural Gas)	File No. GA-2012-0111
Distribution System to Provide Gas Service in Nodaway)	
County, Missouri, as an Expansion of its Existing)	
Certified Area.)	

RESPONSE TO STAFF RECOMMENDATION

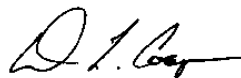
COMES NOW The Empire District Gas Company (EDG) and, in response to the Staff Recommendation to Grant a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity With Conditions (Staff Recommendation), states as follows to the Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission):

1. On November 21, 2011, the Staff of the Commission (Staff) filed a recommendation in this file suggesting that the Commission grant the requested certificate of convenience and necessity, subject to certain conditions. The Commission later ordered that EDG provide a response to that recommendation by November 30, 2011.

2. EDG has since had the opportunity to review the recommendation and discuss its contents with Staff. As a result, EDG hereby states that it does not object to the Staff Recommendation, to include its proposed conditions.

WHEREFORE, EDG respectfully requests that the Commission issue its order granting EDG a certificate of convenience and necessity as requested in the subject Application.

Respectfully submitted,



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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned certifies that a true copy of the foregoing was sent to the following by electronic mail, this 30th day of November, 2011.

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