

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

In the matter of The Empire District Gas	)	
Company of Joplin, Missouri for Authority to	)	<b>Case No. GR-2009-0434</b>
File Tariffs Increasing Rates for Gas Service	)	Tariff No. YG-2009-0855
Provided to Customers in the Missouri Service	)	
Area of the Company.	)	

**MOTION TO EXTEND DATE FOR FILING**  
**CUSTOMER NOTICE AND LOCAL PUBLIC HEARING RECOMMENDATION**

Comes now The Empire District Gas Company (EDG or Company), and states as follows to the Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission) as its Motion to Extend Deadline for Filing Customer Notice and Local Public Hearing Recommendation:

1. The Commission's Suspension Order and Notice, Order Setting Hearings and Order Directing Filing issued in this case on June 12, 2009, among other things, required the parties to file a proposed customer notice for the Commission's approval and recommendations as to the times, dates and locations for local public hearings in this case no later than July 23, 2009.

2. At this point, the parties have viewed a proposed customer notice and are in the process of exchanging comments concerning that notice. Because the attorney for the Office of the Public Counsel is away from the office at a conference and because issues exist with Empire's use of the electronic file containing the proposed notice, the parties will not be able to complete this process today. Similarly, the locations and dates for local public hearings have been discussed by the parties, but not finalized.

3. Accordingly, EDG asks that the Commission extend the deadline for the filing of the proposed notice and local public hearing recommendations for one week (or

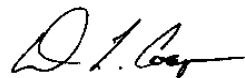
until July 30, 2009) to allow the parties time to complete their review and discussion process and to submit a proposed customer notice for Commission approval and local public hearing recommendations.

4. EDG believes that the form of the notice needs to be determined by August 24, 2009, in order to provide sufficient time for printing of the notice. Accordingly, if this extension is granted, it will still leave approximately three and one-half weeks before a Commission decision would be necessary.

5. Counsel for the Office of the Public Counsel, the Commission Staff, Constellation, and Pittsburgh Corning have indicated that they have no objection to this motion.

WHEREFORE, EDG respectfully moves the Commission to issue its order extending the date for the filing of a proposed customer notice and recommendation as to the local public hearings until July 30, 2009.

Respectfully submitted,



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## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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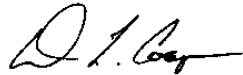
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