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)

ORDER DIRECTING THE COMMISSION'S STAFF TO FILE A RECOMMENDATION

Issue Date: October 25, 2011 Effective Date: October 25, 2011

The Commission will direct its Staff to file a recommendation on the application.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

- 1. No later than November 21, 2011, the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission shall file a recommendation regarding The Empire District Gas Company's application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity.
 - 2. This order shall become effective immediately upon issuance.

BY THE COMMISSION

(SEAL)

Steven C. Reed Secretary

Harold Stearley, Deputy Chief Regulatory Law Judge, by delegation of authority pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri, on this 25th day of October, 2011.