

**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 ) **Tariff No. YG-2012-0325**  
County, Missouri, as an Expansion of its Existing )  
Certified Area )

**ORDER DIRECTING STAFF TO FILE A RECOMMENDATION AND  
SETTING DEADLINE FOR RESPONSES**

Issue Date: January 9, 2012

Effective Date: January 9, 2012

On January 6, 2012, The Empire District Gas Company filed a tariff sheet pursuant to the Commission’s December 7, 2011 “Order Granting Certificate of Convenience and Necessity.” The Commission will direct its Staff to review the tariff sheets and file a recommendation as to whether the tariff sheets are in compliance with the Commission’s order. Any party wishing to respond to Staff’s recommendation shall file its response no later than five days after the recommendation is filed.

**THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:**

1. No later than January 18, 2012, the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission shall file a recommendation as directed in the body of this order.
2. Any party wishing to respond to Staff’s recommendation shall file its response no later than five days after the recommendation is filed.

3. This order shall become effective immediately upon issuance.

**BY THE COMMISSION**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. C. Reed', written in a cursive style.

Steven C. Reed  
Secretary

( S E A L )

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 9<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2012.