

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

In the Matter of the Empire District Gas Company's)
Purchased Gas Adjustment Tariff Filing) **Case No. GR-2008-0123**

ORDER DIRECTING FILING

Issue Date: January 5, 2009

Effective Date: January 5, 2009

On October 24, 2007, The Empire District Gas Company (hereafter "Empire") filed tariff sheets to change its Purchased Gas Adjustment factors. On November 1, 2007, the Commission approved the new rates, on an interim basis subject to refund, for service on and after November 3, 2007.

The Staff of the Commission filed its Recommendation and accompanying Memorandum on December 31, 2008. Staff asks the Commission to adopt its Recommendation, and to order Empire to respond to Staff's pleadings within 30 days.

The Commission finds Staff's request for Empire to respond within 30 days to be reasonable, and will grant it.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The Empire District Gas Company shall respond to the Recommendation and Memorandum filed by the Staff of the Commission no later than February 4, 2009.

2. This order shall become effective on January 5, 2009.

BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Colleen M. Dale', written over a faint rectangular stamp.

Colleen M. Dale
Secretary

(S E A L)

Ronald D. Pridgin, Senior Regulatory
Law Judge, by delegation of authority
pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 5th day of January, 2009.