

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a session of the Public Service Commission held at its office in Jefferson City on the 6th day of November, 2013.

In the Matter The Empire District Gas Company's Purchased Gas Adjustment Tariff Filing)
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File No. GR-2014-0108
Tariff No. YG-2014-0192

ORDER APPROVING TARIFF

Issue Date: November 6, 2013

Effective Date: November 7, 2013

On October 23, 2013, The Empire District Gas Company ("EDG"), filed tariff sheets proposed to become effective November 7, 2013. The tariff sheets reflect a change in EDG's Purchased Gas Adjustment (PGA) factor as a result of estimated changes in the cost of natural gas, as well as changes in the Actual Cost Adjustment ("ACA") factor for the 2013-2014 winter season. EDG's filing will increase the firm PGA factor for the winter season for EDG's South System served by Southern Star Central Pipeline to \$0.66601 per hundred cubic feet ("Ccf"), from the current firm PGA factor of \$0.59760 per Ccf. This represents an increase of \$0.06841 per Ccf.

EDG's filing will increase the firm PGA factor for the winter season for EDG's North System served by Panhandle Eastern Pipeline to \$0.71439 per hundred Ccf, from the current firm PGA factor of \$0.65006 per Ccf. This represents an increase of \$0.06433 per Ccf.

EDG's filing will increase the firm PGA factor for the winter season for EDG's Northwest System served by the ANR Pipeline to \$0.57109 per hundred Ccf, from the current firm PGA factor of \$0.52097 per Ccf. This represents an increase of \$0.05012 per Ccf.

The Commission's Staff filed its recommendation on October 30, 2013. Staff recommends the rates be approved on an interim basis, subject to refund pending final Commission decisions in File Nos. GR-2013-0250 and GR-2014-0108. Staff also asks to be allowed until December 19, 2014 to submit its results and recommendations regarding the information included in EDG's ACA filing.

The Commission has reviewed the proposed tariff sheets and Staff's recommendation. The Commission finds that the proposed tariff sheet conforms to EDG's Commission-approved PGA Clause. In addition, because EDG's PGA clause allows for PGA change filings to take effect on 10-days' notice, good cause has been shown pursuant to Section 393.140(11), RSMo 2000, to permit the tariff to become effective on less than 30-days' notice. The Commission concludes that the proposed tariff sheets should be approved to become effective on November 7, 2013, on an interim basis, subject to refund, pending final Commission decisions in File Nos. GR-2013-0250 and GR-2014-0108.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The proposed tariff sheets filed on October 23, 2013, by The Empire District Gas Company, assigned Tracking Number YG-2014-0192 and bearing an effective date of November 7, 2013, are approved on an interim basis, subject to refund, pending final Commission decisions in File Nos. GR-2013-0250 and GR-2014-0108. The tariff sheets approved are:

P.S.C. MO No. 2

**9 Revised Sheet No. 62, Canceling 8th Revised Sheet No. 62
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9 Revised Sheet No. 65, Canceling 8th Revised Sheet No. 65**

2. Staff's Procurement Analysis Department shall submit its results and recommendations regarding the information included in EDG's ACA filing on or before December 19, 2014.

3. This order shall become effective on November 7, 2013.

BY THE COMMISSION



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Morris L. Woodruff".

Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary

R. Kenney, Chm., Stoll, W. Kenney,
and Hall, CC., concur.

Kim S. Burton, Regulatory Law Judge