

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

In the Matter of The Empire District Gas Company d/b/a Liberty's Purchased Gas Adjustment Tariff Filing)
) **Case No. GR-2026-0118**
) Tracking No. JG-2026-0067

ORDER APPROVING PGA TARIFF

Issue Date: November 20, 2025

Effective Date: December 1, 2025

On November 4, 2025,¹ The Empire District Gas Company d/b/a Liberty (Empire) filed tariff sheets to reflect changes in the company's Purchased Gas Adjustment (PGA) factors as the result of estimated changes in the cost of natural gas for the upcoming winter season and the Actual Cost Adjustment (ACA) factors. The tariff sheets were assigned Tracking No. JG-2026-0067 and bear an effective date of December 1. On November 7, Empire filed a substitute tariff sheet for 23rd Revised Sheet No. 62 due to a decimal error.

As presented in Empire's submission letter, the proposed tariff sheets will increase PGA rates as follows:

South service area: The effect of these changes will increase the firm PGA rate from the current \$0.70364 per Ccf² to \$0.80827 per Ccf.

North service area: The effect of these changes will increase the firm PGA rate from the current \$0.18554 per Ccf to \$0.34318 per Ccf.

Northwest service area: The effect of these changes will increase the firm PGA rate from the current \$0.07986 per Ccf to \$0.42032 per Ccf.

¹ All dates refer to 2025 unless otherwise indicated.

² Ccf is a volume measurement of natural gas and equals 100 cubic feet of natural gas.

Empire's submission letter stated that the larger proposed PGA rates for the Northwest service area is due to a lower-than-normal current PGA rate. Empire explained that the current PGA rate is low due to a temporary refund included in the rates that were charged by the interstate pipeline company that serves the area. Empire stated that the new proposed rates reflect a more normalized rate.

The Commission directed a recommendation and other responses to Empire's proposed tariff sheets be filed no later than November 19. The Staff of the Commission (Staff) filed its recommendation and memorandum on November 17. No other responses were filed. Staff's memorandum confirmed the reason for the change in rates in the Northwest service area.

Staff stated that Case No. GR-2026-0118, the present case, was established to track Empire's PGA factors to be reviewed in its 2024-2025 ACA filing. Case No. GR-2025-0137 was established to track Empire's PGA factors to be reviewed for the 2023-2024 ACA period. Staff recommended the rate changes proposed in the present case should be made on an interim basis, subject to refund, and pending final Commission decisions in this case and ACA Case No. GR-2025-0137. Staff also requested to file the results and recommendations regarding the information included in this ACA filing no later than December 15, 2026.

The Commission has reviewed the proposed tariff sheets and Staff's verified recommendation. The Commission finds that the proposed tariff sheets conform to Empire's Commission-approved PGA tariff. In addition, because Empire's PGA clause allows for PGA change filings to take effect after ten business days, good cause has been shown pursuant to Section 393.140(11), RSMo (2016), to permit the tariff to become

effective on less than 30-days' notice. The Commission concludes the proposed tariff sheets should be approved to become effective on December 1, on an interim basis, subject to refund, and pending final Commission decision in this case and Case No. GR-2025-0137. For the same reasons that the tariff sheets will take effect in less than 30 days, the Commission finds it reasonable for this order to become effective in less than 30 days.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The tariff sheets assigned Tracking No. JG-2026-0067, with 23rd Revised Sheet No. 62 as substituted, are approved on an interim basis and subject to refund, pending final Commission decisions in this case and Case No. GR-2025-0137. The tariff sheets, which are approved to become effective on December 1, 2025, are as follows:

P.S.C. MO No. 2

23rd Revised Sheet No. 62, Cancelling 22nd Revised Sheet No. 62
22nd Revised Sheet No. 63, Cancelling 21st Revised Sheet No. 63
22nd Revised Sheet No. 65, Cancelling 21st Revised Sheet No. 65

2. On or before December 15, 2026, Staff's Procurement Analysis Department shall submit the results and recommendations of its ACA review.
3. This order shall become effective on December 1, 2025.



BY THE COMMISSION

Nancy Dippell

Nancy Dippell
Secretary

Charles Hatcher, Senior Regulatory
Law Judge, by delegation of authority
pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2016.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 20th day of November, 2025.

STATE OF MISSOURI

OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

I have compared the preceding copy with the original on file in this office and I do hereby certify the same to be a true copy therefrom and the whole thereof.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the Public Service Commission, at Jefferson City, Missouri, this 20th day of November 2025.



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Secretary

MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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Enclosed find a certified copy of an Order or Notice issued in the above-referenced matter(s).

Sincerely,



**Nancy Dippell
Secretary**

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