# BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of Application of Suburban Natural Gas Company for Approval of an Adjustment to Its Uncollectible Expense Rider

Case No. 13-316-GA-UEX

# APPLICATION OF SUBURBAN NATURAL GAS COMPANY FOR APPROVAL OF AN ADJUSTMENT TO ITS UNCOLLECTIBLE EXPENSE RIDER

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The Suburban Natural Gas Company ("Suburban") hereby submits its Annual Uncollectible Expense Rider Report and Application ("Application") to revise its Uncollectible Expense Rider ("UEX Rider") Rate. In support of this Application, Suburban states as follows:

- On August 3, 2007, Suburban filed an Application to Increase Rates, which, among
  other things, sought the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio's ("Commission")
  approval to implement an UEX Rider. In an Opinion and Order issued on March 18,
  2008, the Commission approved Suburban's Application to Increase Rates and
  authorized Suburban to implement an UEX Rider.
- On May 22, 2009, Suburban applied for an increase in its UEX Rider from
   \$.07012727 per Mcf to \$.08641518. In an Entry issued on July 23, 2009, Suburban filed tariffs consistent with the Entry, which became effective on August 26, 2009.
- 3. The Suburban UEX Rider First Revised Tariff Sheet No. 2A states that "Suburban shall file an application with the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio requesting approval to change the rate if the Company determines that an adjustment of more than plus or minus ten (10) percent is needed to adjust for prior period over or undercollections."

- 4. Suburban proposes to increase the UEX Rider by .0159 per Mcf, which will result in a refund to the customer of \$.02562855. The rate is comprised of (1) the balance of deferred uncollectible accounts expense net of recoveries as of December 31, 2012, and (2) the actual bad debt write-offs for the year 2012. The calculation of the revised rate is shown on Attachment 1, hereto.
- 5. The refund to the customer of \$.02562855 per Mcf amounts to an increase of the UEX Rider of approximately 38% from the previous period.
- 6. The refund of \$.02562855 per Mcf is just and reasonable for the UEX Rider and should be approved by the Commission. A copy of the proposed, revised, and current UEX Rider tariff sheet is included as Attachment 2 to this Application.

WHEREFORE, Suburban respectfully requests that the Commission approve an increase of the UEX Rider to the rate set forth in the revised tariff sheet contained in Attachment 2 of this Application.

Respectfully submitted,

SUBURBAN NATURAL GAS COMPANY

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# **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing Pre-Filing Notice was served upon the following parties of record or as a courtesy, via U.S. Mail, postage prepaid, on May 1, 2013.

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# ATTACHMENT 1

# SUBURBAN NATURAL GAS COMPANY BAD DEBT TRACKER 2012

Line			
No.			
1	Actual Annual Sales		1,457,377 MCF
2	Actual Bad Debt Deferral as of:	12/31/2012	\$ (105,420)
3	Recovery Period		1_Year
4	Recovery Amount (Line 2 / Line 3)		(105,420)
5	Recovery Rate (Line 4 / Line 1)		\$ (0.0723) per MCF
6	Actual Annual Bad Debt Write-Off		68,070
7	Recovery Rate (Line 6 / Line 1)		\$ 0.0467 per MCF
8	Total Bad Debt Tracker (Line 5 + Line 7)		\$ (0.02562855) per MCF
9	Tracker Rate Approved		\$ (0.04149040) per MCF
10	Change (Line 8 - Line 9)		\$ 0.0159
11	Percent Change (Line 10 / Line 9)		38%

# SUBURBAN NATURAL GAS COMPANY CASE NO. 13-0316-GA-UEX UNCOLLECTIBLE ACCOUNTS EXPENSE RIDER 2012

1 Balance - Beginning of Month	January February (124,522) (139,450	January February (124,522) (139,450)	March (155,515)	April (170,475)	May (176,520)	June (182,393)	July (183,792)	August (183,128)	September October (182,017) (178,274)	October N (178,274)	November December (180,059) (174,902	December (174,902)
2 Bad Debts Writen Off	29					1,292			2,168	10	78	64,493
3 Recovery - Base Rates												
4 Recovery - Bad Debt Rider	14,736	15,173	13,207	5,851	5,148	2,527	(1,444)	(1,326)	(1,590)	(1,935)	(5,394)	(7,544)
5 Recovery - Other	221	892	1,753	194	725	164	780	215	15	3,730	315	2,555
6 Incremental Bad Debts (2-(3+4+5))	(14,928)	(16,065)	(14,960)	(6,045)	(5,873)	(1,399)	664	1,111	3,743	(1,785)	5,157	69,482
7 Balance Subtotal (1 + 6)	(139,450)	(139,450) (155,515)	(170,475)	(176,520)	(182,393)	(183,792)	(183,128)	(182,017)	(178,274)	(180,059)	(174,902)	(105,420)
8 Carrying Charges												
9 Balance - End of Month (7 + 8)	\$(139,450) \$(155,515) \$(170,	\$ (155,515)	\$ (170,475)	\$ (176,520)	\$ (182,393)	\$ (183,792)	\$ (183,128)	\$ (182,017)	.475) \$ (176,520) \$ (182,393) \$ (183,792) \$ (183,128) \$ (182,017) \$ (178,274) \$ (180,059) \$ (174,902) \$ (105,420)	\$ (180,059)	\$ (174,902)	\$ (105,420)

# ATTACHMENT 2

Suburban Natural Gas Company Cygnet, Ohio

SECTION V Fourth Revised Sheet No. 2A Cancels Third Revised Sheet No. 2A

# **UNCOLLECTABLE EXPENSE RIDER**

**APPLICABLE:** 

To all customers.

## **UNCOLLECTABLE EXPENSE RIDER:**

A refund of \$.02562855 per Mcf shall be applied to all volumes for service rendered to those customers responsible for paying the Uncollectible Expense Rider. Suburban shall file an application with the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio requesting approval to change the rate if the Company determines that an adjustment of more than plus or minus ten (10) percent is needed to adjust for prior period over or under-collections.

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Suburban Natural Gas Company Cygnet, Ohio SECTION V
Third-Fourth Revised Sheet No. 2A
Cancels
Second-Third Revised Sheet No. 2A

#### UNCOLLECTABLE EXPENSE RIDER

APPLICABLE:

To all customers.

#### **UNCOLLECTABLE EXPENSE RIDER:**

A refund of \$.04149040.02562855 per Mcf shall be applied to all volumes for service rendered to those customers responsible for paying the Uncollectible Expense Rider. Suburban shall file an application with the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio requesting approval to change the rate if the Company determines that an adjustment of more than plus or minus ten (10) percent is needed to adjust for prior period over or under-collections.

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Suburban Natural Gas Company Cygnet, Ohio

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Cancels
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## **UNCOLLECTABLE EXPENSE RIDER**

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