

**BEFORE
THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO**

In the Matter of the Application of Suburban)
Natural Gas Company for Approval of an) Case No. 17-0316-GA-UEx
Adjustment to Its Uncollectible Expense Rider)

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

The Suburban Natural Gas Company (Suburban) hereby submits its annual Uncollectible Expense Rider Report and Application (Application) to modify its Uncollectible Expense Rider (UEX Rider). Suburban respectfully requests approval of the proposed adjustment. In support of this Application, Suburban states as follows:

1. 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 19, 2008,¹ the Commission approved Suburban's Application to Increase Rates and authorized Suburban to implement an UEX Rider.
2. 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, 2009.² Subsequent adjustments have been approved on an annual basis.³

¹ *In the Matter of Suburban Natural Gas Company for Authority to Increase its Rates and Charges in Certain Areas of its Territory*, Case No. 07-689-GA-AIR, Opinion and Order at 5 (March 19, 2008).

² *In the Matter of Suburban Natural Gas Company for Approval of an Adjustment to its Uncollectible Expense Rider*, Case No. 09-438-GA-UEx, Entry at 5 (July 23, 2009).

³ See *In the Matter of the Application of Suburban Natural Gas Company for Approval of an Adjustment to Its Uncollectible Expense Rider*, Case No. 16-0316-GA-UEx, Opinion and Order at 13-14 (December 14, 2016).

3. The Suburban UEX Rider, as set forth in Seventh 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 under-collections.”⁴
4. Suburban proposes to decrease the UEX Rider by \$0.0545 per Mcf, which will result in a charge to the customer of \$0.00364045 per Mcf. A copy of the proposed UEX Rider, Section V, Eighth Revised Tariff Sheet No. 2A is attached as Attachment 1 to this Application, in both proposed and redline forms. The rate is comprised of (1) the balance of deferred uncollectible accounts expense net of recoveries as of December 31, 2016, and (2) the actual bad debt write-offs for the year 2016. The calculation of the revised rate is shown in Attachment 2.
5. The charge to the customer of \$0.00364045 per Mcf amounts to a decrease of the UEX Rider greater than 10 percent from the previous period.

The charge of \$0.00364045 per Mcf is just and reasonable for the UEX Rider and should be approved by the Commission.

⁴ *In the Matter of the Application of Suburban Natural Gas Company for Approval of an Adjustment to its Uncollectable Expense Rate Rider*, Case No. 16-0316-GA-UEX, Filing of Seventh Revised Sheet No. 2A (August 17, 2016).

WHEREFORE, Suburban respectfully requests that the Commission approve a decrease in the UEX Rider to the rate set forth in the revised tariff sheet contained in Attachment 1 of this Application.

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Attachment 1

Suburban Natural Gas Company
Cygnet, Ohio

SECTION V
~~Seventh-Eighth~~ Revised Sheet No. 2A
Cancels
~~Sixth-Seventh~~ Revised Sheet No. 2A

UNCOLLECTABLE EXPENSE RIDER

APPLICABLE:

To all customers.

UNCOLLECTABLE EXPENSE RIDER:

A charge of \$~~0.058171180.00364045~~ 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.

Issued: August 17, 2016

EFFECTIVE: August 17, 2016

Filed pursuant to an Entry of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio in
Case No. 07-689-GA-AIR, dated March 19, 2008; and the
Finding and Order in Case No. ~~16~~17-316-GA-UEX
Dated August 17, 2016, 2017

ISSUED BY ANDREW J. SONDERMAN, PRESIDENT

Attachment 1

Suburban Natural Gas Company
Cygnet, Ohio

SECTION V
Eighth Revised Sheet No. 2A
Cancels
Seventh Revised Sheet No. 2A

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Attachment 2

**SUBURBAN NATURAL GAS COMPANY
BAD DEBT TRACKER
2016**

Line No.			
1	Actual Annual Sales		1,530,560 MCF
2	Actual Bad Debt Deferral as of:	12/31/2016	\$ (18,157)
3	Recovery Period		<u>1</u> Year
4	Recovery Amount (Line 2 / Line 3)		<u>(18,157)</u>
5	Recovery Rate (Line 4 / Line 1)		\$ (0.01186328) per MCF
6	Actual Annual Bad Debt Write-Off		<u>23,729</u>
7	Recovery Rate (Line 6 / Line 1)		\$ 0.01550373 per MCF
8	Total Bad Debt Tracker (Line 5 + Line 7)		<u><u>\$ 0.00364045</u></u> per MCF
9	Tracker Rate Approved		\$ 0.05817118 per MCF
10	Change (Line 8 - Line 9)		\$ (0.0545)
11	Percent Change (Line 10 / Line 9)		94%

Attachment 2

**SUBURBAN NATURAL GAS COMPANY
CASE NO. 17-0316-GA-UEX
UNCOLLECTIBLE ACCOUNTS EXPENSE RIDER
2016**

	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
1 Balance - Beginning of Month	79,177	59,983	35,323	23,210	9,100	819	(2,673)	(5,911)	(8,715)	(3,828)	(6,554)	(13,735)
2 Bad Debts Written Off	(613)		8,229			1,477	11		7,707		(797)	7,715
3 Recovery - Base Rates												
4 Recovery - Bad Debt Ride	18,036	23,292	19,732	12,989	7,320	4,314	2,672	2,311	2,044	2,148	4,444	11,482
5 Recovery - Other	546	1,368	609	1,122	960	655	577	493	776	578	1,940	656
6 Incremental Bad Debts (2-(3+4+5))	(19,194)	(24,660)	(12,112)	(14,111)	(8,280)	(3,493)	(3,238)	(2,804)	4,888	(2,727)	(7,181)	(4,423)
7 Balance Subtotal (1 + 6)	59,983	35,323	23,210	9,100	819	(2,673)	(5,911)	(8,715)	(3,828)	(6,554)	(13,735)	(18,157)
8 Carrying Charges												
9 Balance - End of Month (7 + 8)	<u>\$ 59,983</u>	<u>\$ 35,323</u>	<u>\$ 23,210</u>	<u>\$ 9,100</u>	<u>\$ 819</u>	<u>\$ (2,673)</u>	<u>\$ (5,911)</u>	<u>\$ (8,715)</u>	<u>\$ (3,828)</u>	<u>\$ (6,554)</u>	<u>\$ (13,735)</u>	<u>\$ (18,157)</u>

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