

**BEFORE
THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO**

In the Matter of the Application of Suburban)
Natural Gas Company for Approval of an) Case No. 17-1371-GA-RDR
Adjustment to the Infrastructure Replacement)
Program Rider.)

STATEMENT OF SUBURBAN NATURAL GAS COMPANY

On May 31, 2017, Suburban Natural Gas Company (Suburban) filed a prefiling notice in the above-captioned case with the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (Commission). On August 29, 2017, Suburban filed an application to adjust its Infrastructure Replacement Program (IRP) Rider (Application). On September 14, 2017, a procedural schedule was issued setting a deadline for the filing of motions to intervene of September 20, 2017 and for Staff and intervenors to file comments on the Application by September 25, 2017.¹ The attorney examiner also established a deadline of October 2, 2017 for a statement to be filed by Suburban, informing the Commission as to whether the issues raised in the comments have been resolved.

On September 25, 2017, Staff filed Comments and Recommendations wherein Staff reviewed Suburban's Application and "identified no inappropriate costs" and found that Suburban "properly excluded gross receipts tax and applied the correct cost of debt and rate of return to the costs of replacing prone-to-fail risers and the repair and replacement of customer service lines."² Staff also concluded that no expenses were included for testing service lines, that Suburban properly applied the 45-year depreciation life provided for in the IRP program, and

¹ Entry at 2 (September 14, 2107).

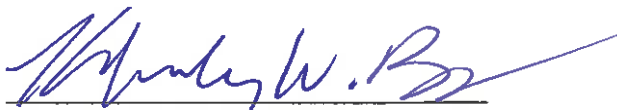
² Staff Comments and Recommendations at 4-5 (September 25, 2017).

provided reliable data to support the proposal.³ Believing Suburban's Application will result in a just and reasonable IRP Rider rate, Staff recommended that the Commission approve Suburban's Application to increase its IRP Rider rate from \$0.07 to \$0.11 per month, to go into effect on November 1, 2017.

No motions to intervene have been filed in this proceeding and the deadline for such intervention has passed. Consequently, no intervenor filed comments on the Application. Moreover, Suburban takes no issue with Staff's Comments and Recommendations. Because Suburban takes no issue with Staff recommending approval of Suburban's Application and no other party has intervened and filed comments on the Application, there are no issues to be resolved. Accordingly, a hearing and the filing of testimony in this case are unnecessary.

Therefore, Suburban respectfully requests that the Commission approve the Application, without a hearing, to increase Suburban's IRP Rider rate from \$0.07 to \$0.11 per month, effective November 1, 2017.

Respectfully Submitted,



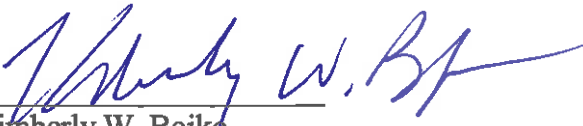
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³ Id. at 5.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing *Statement of Suburban Natural Gas Company* was served upon the following via electronic mail on September 29, 2017.



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