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Suburban Natural Gas Company for  
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Uncollectible Expense Rider

Case No. 09-458-GA-UEX

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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.

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.
2. In an Opinion and Order issued on March 18, 2008 ("March 18 Order") the Commission approved Suburban's Application to Increase Rates and authorized Suburban to implement an UEX Rider at the current rate of \$.07012727 per Mcf.
3. On April 3, 2008 Suburban filed tariffs consistent with the March 18 Order, which became effective on April 17, 2008.
4. The Suburban UEX Rider Original Tariff Sheet No. 2A states "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.”

5. Suburban proposes to increase the UEX Rider to \$.08641518 per Mcf. The rate is comprised of (1) the balance of deferred uncollectible accounts expense net of recoveries as of December 31, 2008 and (2) the actual bad debt write-offs for the year 2008. The calculation of the revised rate is shown on Attachment 1 hereto.
6. \$.08641518 per Mcf amounts to an increase of the UEX Rider by approximately 23% from the previous period.
7. \$.08641518 per Mcf is just and reasonable for the UEX Rider and should be approved by the Commission. A copy of the current and revised 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,



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## **ATTACHMENT 1**

SUBURBAN NATURAL GAS COMPANY  
BAD DEBT TRACKER  
2008

Line No.				
1	Actual Annual Sales		1,562,943	MCF
2	Actual Bad Debt Deferral as of:	12/31/2008	\$	39,515
3	Recovery Period			1 Year
4	Recovery Amount (Line 2 / Line 3)			<u>39,515</u>
5	Recovery Rate (Line 4 / Line 1)		\$	0.0253 per MCF
6	Actual Annual Bad Debt Write-Off			<u>95,547</u>
7	Recovery Rate (Line 6 / Line 1)		\$	0.0611 per MCF
8	Total Bad Debt Tracker (Line 5 + Line 7)		<u>\$</u>	<u>0.08641518</u> per MCF
9	Tracker Rate Approved		\$	0.07012727 per MCF
10	Change (Line 8 - Line 9)		\$	0.0163
11	Percent Change (Line 10 / Line 9)			23%

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UNCOLLECTIBLE ACCOUNTS EXPENSE RIDER  
2008

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## **ATTACHMENT 2**



**UNCOLLECTIBLE EXPENSE RIDER**

**APPLICABLE:**

To all customers except those located in the Villages of Deshler, McComb, Hoytville, Hamler, Holgate, and Malinta.

**UNCOLLECTIBLE EXPENSE RIDER:**

An additional charge of \$0.07012727 per Mcf shall be applied to all volumes for service rendered to recover costs associated with uncollectible amounts arising from 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: April 17, 2008

EFFECTIVE: April 17, 2008

Filed pursuant to the Opinion and Order  
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ISSUED BY DAVID L. PEMBERTON JR., PRESIDENT

Suburban Natural Gas Company  
Cygnet, Ohio

SECTION V  
First Revised Sheet No. 2A  
Cancels  
Original Sheet No. 2A

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