

BEFORE

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of the Application of Suburban       )  
Natural Gas Company for Approval of an       ) Case No. 09-438-GA-UEX  
Adjustment to its Uncollectible Expense Rider.   )

ENTRY

The Commission finds:

- (1) By Finding and Order dated December 17, 2003 in Case No. 03-1127-GA-UNC (Order), the Commission approved, in concept, an application brought jointly by five natural gas companies, that proposed to alter the method by which the five recover uncollectible accounts expense. The Order also provided discussion on several tangential issues and guidance as to implementation and reporting.
- (2) Suburban Natural Gas Company (Suburban) subsequently filed for approval of its first uncollectible expense rider as part of its base rate revision in Case No. 07-689-GA-AIR. Suburban's initial uncollectible expense rider rate of \$0.07012727 per Mcf became effective in April 2008.
- (3) On May 22, 2009, Suburban filed the instant application to revise its existing uncollectible expense rider rate. The proposed rate increases to \$0.08641518 per Mcf. Staff reviewed the application and, on July 15, 2009, filed its comments recommending approval.
- (4) The Commission has reviewed the application and Staff's filed comments and finds that the application of Suburban is reasonable and in the public interest and should be approved.
- (5) The Staff's comments also recommend that, in the next gas cost recovery financial audit for Suburban, Staff should examine the monthly uncollectible expense balances and write-offs and recoveries for 2008 and that any required adjustments or corrections be considered in the next UEX rider application. The Commission finds that these recommendations are reasonable and should be adopted.

It is, therefore,

ORDERED, That Suburban is authorized to increase the rate for its uncollectible expense rider to \$0.08641518 per Mcf. It is, further,

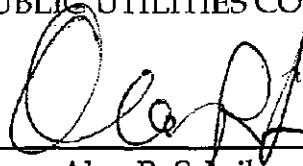
ORDERED, That Suburban is authorized to file complete copies of tariffs in final form consistent with this Entry. Suburban shall file one copy within its TRF docket (or may make such filing electronically as directed in Case No. 06-900-AU-WVR), and one copy in this case docket. It is, further,

ORDERED, That the effective date of the new tariffs shall be a date not earlier than both the date of this Entry and the date upon which final tariffs are filed with the Commission. The new tariffs shall be effective for bills rendered on or after such effective date. It is, further,

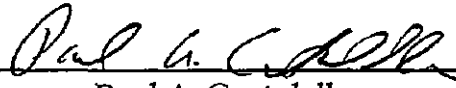
ORDERED, That, in Suburban's next gas cost recovery audit and next uncollectible expense rider application, Staff shall perform the reviews described in this Entry. It is, further,

ORDERED, That a copy of this Entry be served upon all parties of record in these proceedings.

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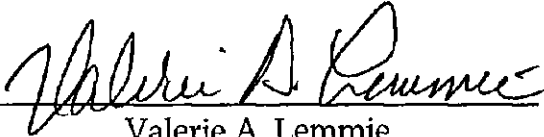


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