

BEFORE

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of the Application of)
Suburban Natural Gas Company for)
Authority to Abandon Service Pursuant) Case No. 08-947-GA-ABN
to Sections 4905.20 and 4905.21, Revised)
Code.)

ENTRY

The attorney examiner finds:

- (1) On August 1, 2008, as supplemented on November 24, 2010, Suburban Natural Gas Company (Suburban) filed an application in Case No. 08-947-GA-ABN (08-947) to abandon natural gas service on a transmission system serving the villages of Hoytville, Deshler, Hamler, Malinta, and Holgate, Ohio.
- (2) On various dates, KNG Energy, Inc. (KNG) and the village of Deshler, and Ohio Gas Company (Ohio Gas) filed motions to intervene. Suburban did not object to the intervention motions. The attorney examiner finds that these motions to intervene are reasonable and should be granted.
- (3) On June 13, 2011, KNG, Ohio Gas, and Deshler filed a joint motion for an order approving a substitution of service (joint motion). In its motion, the joint movants request that the Commission approve a substitution of service to customers affected by Suburban's abandonment application. The joint movants state that following its approval, all customers from the villages of Deshler, Hamler, Holgate, and Malinta will continue to receive service natural gas service from KNG, Ohio Gas, and the village of Deshler, through the facilities formerly leased by Suburban. The joint movants also request that the Commission order KNG to provide service to customers in and around Hoytville and on the McComb-Hoytville pipeline on a temporary basis until such as Ohio Intrastate Energy, LLC (OIE), which has filed an application for

approval to commence retail distribution service in unincorporated areas not governed by the municipal ordinance rate established by the village of Hoytville (Case No. 11-3171-GA-ATA), is ready to commence operations or until such other time as the Commission may determine.

- (4) On June 15, 2011, OIE filed a reply memorandum to the joint motion, a request for a technical conference, and a motion to intervene in this case. OIE states that it seeks a technical conference to discuss details of the transition plan outlined in the joint motion. In its motion to intervene, OIE states that it has a direct, real, and substantial interest in the issues and matters involved in this case. OIE notes that it is in the process of acquiring by lease the distribution system owned by the village of Hoytville and the joint movants make a recommendation specifically applicable to the customers served through the system that OIE is acquiring. The attorney examiner finds that OIE's motion to intervene should be granted.
- (5) On June 17, 2011, Suburban, KNG, Ohio Gas, the village of Deshler, and staff filed a stipulation and recommendation (stipulation) which they claim resolves all of the issues raised by Suburban's application and by the joint motion.
- (6) The attorney examiner finds that a hearing should be held in this matter at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 23, 2011, in Hearing Room 11-C, at the offices of the Commission, 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio. In advance of the hearing, a prehearing conference will be held at 10:00 a.m., on Thursday June 23, 2011, in Hearing Room 11-C, at the offices of the Commission.

It is, therefore,

ORDERED, That the motions to intervene filed by Ohio Gas, KNG, OIE, and Deshler be approved. It is, further,

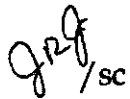
ORDERED, That a hearing and prehearing conference be held as ordered herein. It is, further,

ORDERED, That a copy of this entry be served upon Suburban, KNG, Ohio Gas, OIE, and the villages of Deshler, Holgate, Hamler, and Hoytville.

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

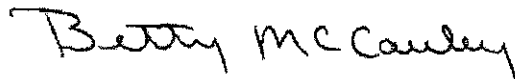


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