

BEFORE

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of the Application of)
Suburban Natural Gas Company for) Case No. 15-1401-GA-ATA
Approval of Revisions to Certain Portions)
of the Company's Tariff.)

FINDING AND ORDER

The Commission finds:

- (1) Suburban Natural Gas Company (Suburban) is a natural gas company as defined in R.C. 4905.03 and a public utility as defined in R.C. 4905.02, and, as such, is subject to the jurisdiction of this Commission.
- (2) R.C. 4909.18 provides, in part, that a public utility may file an application to establish any rate, charge, regulation, or practice. If the Commission determines that the application is not for an increase in any rate and does not appear to be unjust or unreasonable, the Commission may approve the application without the need for a hearing.
- (3) On August 5, 2015, Suburban filed proposed tariffs to align its procedures with the minimum gas service standards contained in Ohio Adm.Code Chapter 4901:1-13. Thereafter, on September 22, 2015, Suburban filed an amended application to revise its tariffs, in order to incorporate recommended changes from the Commission's Staff.
- (4) Suburban's proposed tariff revisions reflect the following changes:
 - (a) Language was added regarding customer-requested meter testing and the corresponding test charges, in the event that meter test results are within the three percent acceptable variance as prescribed by R.C. 4933.09. Ohio Adm.Code 4901:1-13-04(D)(4) requires that any charge for such a test be set forth in the company's tariff.

Suburban explains that, although it previously established a \$35 charge for customer-requested meter testing within the three percent tolerance threshold and has notified customers of the potential charge prior to testing, its tariffs do not currently set forth the amount of the charge, as required by Ohio Adm.Code 4901:1-13-04(D)(4). Suburban further explains that, to date, it has not charged any customer for such a test. Suburban notes that it now seeks to update its tariffs to include the charge. The tariffs would also state that, if the meter tested is not found to be accurate, there will not be a charge for the removal and test.

- (b) Changes in the customer's responsibility section were made to clarify that the customer is responsible for the customer's use of the property and installed appliances on the customer's side of the point of delivery, which are within the control of the customer.
- (5) The Commission finds that Suburban's application to revise its tariffs, as amended, does not appear to be unjust or unreasonable and should be approved. Additionally, the Commission finds that the Commission's docketing division should revise the case caption for this case to Case No. 15-1401-GA-ATA. The Commission notes that no party filed comments or motions to intervene in response to Suburban's application to revise its tariffs. Finally, consistent with R.C. 4909.18, the Commission finds that no hearing is required in this case.

ORDERED, That Suburban's amended application to update its tariffs, as filed on September 22, 2015, be approved. It is, further,

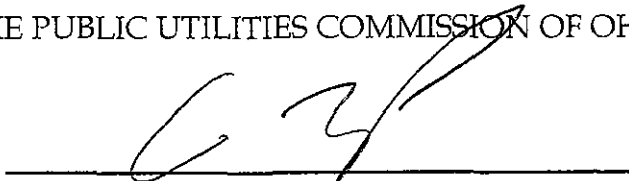
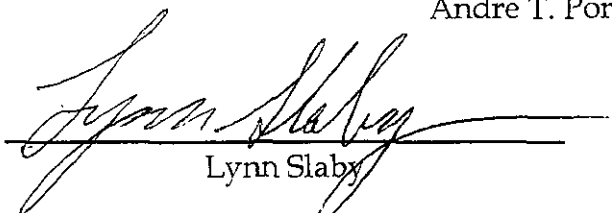
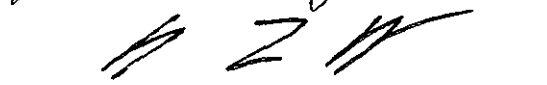
ORDERED, That Suburban be authorized to file tariffs, in final form, consistent with this Finding and Order. Suburban shall file one copy in this case docket and one copy in its TRF docket. It is, further,

ORDERED, That the effective date of the new tariffs shall be a date not earlier than the date upon which the final tariff pages are filed with the Commission. It is, further,

ORDERED, That nothing in this Finding and Order shall be binding upon this Commission in any subsequent proceeding or investigation involving the justness or reasonableness of any rate, charge, rule, or regulation. It is, further,

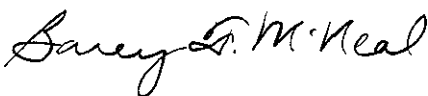
ORDERED, That a copy of this Finding and Order be served on all parties and interested persons of record.

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO


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