

**BEFORE  
THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO**

In the matter of the application of Suburban    )  
Natural Gas Company for Approval of An        )  
Adjustment to Its Uncollectible Expense       )  
Rider    )

Case No. 16-0316-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. Suburban respectfully requests approval of the proposed adjustment. 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. In an Opinion and Order issued on March 19, 2008,<sup>1</sup> the Commission approved Suburban's Application to Increase Rates and authorized Suburban to implement an UEX Rider.
2. On May 22, 2009, Suburban applied for an increase in its UEX Rider from \$.07012727 per Mcf to \$.08641518. In an Entry issued on July 23, 2009, Suburban filed tariffs consistent with the Entry, which became effective on August 26, 2009.<sup>2</sup> Subsequent adjustments have been approved on an annual basis.<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> *In the Matter of Suburban Natural Gas Company for Authority to Increase its Rates and Charges in Certain Areas of its Territory*, Case No. 07-689-GA-AIR, Opinion and Order at 5 (March 19, 2008).

<sup>2</sup> *In the Matter of Suburban Natural Gas Company for Approval of an Adjustment to its Uncollectable Expense Rider*, Case No. 09-438-GA-UEx, Entry at 2 (July 23, 2009).

<sup>3</sup> *In the Matter of Suburban Natural Gas Company for Approval of an Adjustment to its Uncollectable Expense Rider*, Case No. 15-316-GA-UEx, Staff Report (July 2, 2015).

3. The Suburban UEX Rider, as set forth in Sixth Revised Tariff Sheet No. 2A, states that "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."<sup>4</sup>

4. Suburban proposes to decrease the UEX Rider by (\$0.0184) per Mcf, which will result in a charge to the customer of \$0.05817118. The rate is comprised of (1) the balance of deferred uncollectible accounts expense net of recoveries as of December 31, 2015, and (2) the actual bad debt write-offs for the year 2015. The calculation of the revised rate is shown in Attachment 1.

5. The charge to the customer of \$0.05817118 per Mcf amounts to a decrease of the UEX Rider greater than 10% from the previous period.

The charge of \$0.05817118 per Mcf is just and reasonable for the UEX Rider and should be approved by the Commission. A copy of the proposed UEX Rider tariff sheet 2A is included as Attachment 2 to this Application.

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<sup>4</sup>*In the Matter of Suburban Natural Gas Company for Approval of an Adjustment to its Uncollectable Expense Rider*, Case No. 14-316-GA-UEX, Filing of Fifth Revised Section V Tariff Sheet 2A (July 10, 2014).

WHEREFORE, Suburban respectfully requests that the Commission approve a decrease 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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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing Application was served upon the following parties of record or as a courtesy, via U.S. Mail, postage prepaid, on May 9, 2015.

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SUBURBAN NATURAL GAS COMPANY  
BAD DEBT TRACKER  
2015

Line No.			
1	Actual Annual Sales	\$ 1,759,137	MCF
2	Actual Bad Debt Deferral as of:	12/31/2015	\$ 79,177
3	Recovery Period	<u>1</u>	Year
4	Recovery Amount (Line 2 / Line 3)	<u>79,177</u>	
5	Recovery Rate (Line 4 / Line 1)	\$ 0.04500882	per MCF
6	Actual Annual Bad Debt Write-Off	<u>23,154</u>	
7	Recovery Rate (Line 6 / Line 1)	\$ 0.01316236	per MCF
8	Total Bad Debt Tracker (Line 5 + Line 7)	<u>\$ 0.05817118</u>	per MCF
9	Tracker Rate Approved	\$ 0.07653603	per MCF
10	Change (Line 8 - Line 9)	\$ (0.0184)	
11	Percent Change (Line 10 / Line 9)	24%	

SUBURBAN NATURAL GAS COMPANY  
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UNCOLLECTIBLE ACCOUNTS EXPENSE RIDER  
2015

	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
1 Balance - Beginning of Month	82,143	80,342	79,223	88,597	87,977	87,346	90,946	90,068	89,716	92,844	89,134	81,561
2 Bad Debts Written Off	(1,391)	(659)	9,877	(355)	(500)	3,634	(852)	(330)	5,761	(541)	(935)	9,445
3 Recovery - Base Rates												
4 Recovery - Bad Debt Ride	410	459	503	265	131	34	26	22	2,632	3,170	6,638	11,829
5 Recovery - Other												
6 Incremental Bad Debts (2-(3+4+5))	(1,801)	(1,119)	9,373	(620)	(632)	3,601	(878)	(352)	3,128	(3,710)	(7,573)	(2,384)
7 Balance Subtotal (1 + 6)	80,342	79,223	88,597	87,977	87,346	90,946	90,068	89,716	92,844	89,134	81,561	79,177
8 Carrying Charges												
9 Balance - End of Month (7 + 8)	\$ 80,342	\$ 79,223	\$ 88,597	\$ 87,977	\$ 87,346	\$ 90,946	\$ 90,068	\$ 89,716	\$ 92,844	\$ 89,134	\$ 81,561	\$ 79,177

Suburban Natural Gas Company  
Cygnet, Ohio

SECTION V  
Seventh Revised Sheet No. 2A  
Cancels  
Sixth Revised Sheet No. 2A

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To all customers.

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Suburban Natural Gas Company  
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