

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

IN THE MATTER OF THE REGULATION OF
THE PURCHASED GAS ADJUSTMENT
CLAUSES CONTAINED WITHIN THE RATE
SCHEDULES OF SUBURBAN NATURAL GAS
COMPANY AND RELATED MATTERS.

CASE NO. 16-216-GA-GCR

ENTRY

Entered in the Journal on August 25, 2016

{¶ 1} By Entry issued February 24, 2016, the Commission established a procedural schedule in this case that ordered the filing of an audit, direct testimony, a date for hearing, and legal notice requirements.

{¶ 2} Ohio Adm.Code 4901:1-14-08(C) specifies the requirement for notice of a gas cost recovery (GCR) hearing, which each natural gas company should cause to be published between 15 and 30 days prior to the date set for its hearing. The notice may be provided by publication of a display ad in a newspaper in a section other than the legal notice section, bill message, bill insert, or direct mailing to the customers.

{¶ 3} On August 4, 2016, Suburban Natural Gas Company (Suburban) filed a motion for partial waiver from Ohio Adm.Code 4901:1-14-08(C). Suburban proposes to provide notice of its GCR hearing by bill insert. Suburban notes, however, that the timing of the bill issuance for each of its two monthly billing cycles will be slightly outside the time period specified in the rule. Suburban states that the bills are scheduled to be released 36 days and 11 days prior to the hearing and, therefore, the bill inserts and the accompanying notice will reach customers outside of the time period specified by the rule. Suburban believes that the notice will be adequate for customers because it will be issued directly to each customer and, thus, will more likely be read than notice by newspaper publication.

{¶ 4} Suburban represents that Staff, the only other party to the case, does not object to the motion for waiver.

{¶ 5} The attorney examiner finds that Suburban has stated good cause and that the requested waiver of Ohio Adm.Code 4901:1-14-08(C) should be granted. Suburban may notify customers of the GCR hearing via bill message or bill insert in accordance with its billing cycles.

{¶ 6} It is, therefore,

{¶ 7} ORDERED, That the motion for waiver of Ohio Adm.Code 4901:1-14-08(C) be granted. It is, further,

{¶ 8} ORDERED, That a copy of this Entry be served upon all parties and interested persons of record.

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/s/ L. Douglas Jennings

By: L. Douglas Jennings
Attorney Examiner

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Summary: Attorney Examiner Entry granting motion for waiver; electronically filed by Vesta R Miller on behalf of L. Douglas Jennings, Attorney Examiner, Public Utilities Commission of Ohio