

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF
SUBURBAN NATURAL GAS COMPANY
FOR APPROVAL TO INITIATE AN ENERGY
EFFICIENCY PROGRAM AND RIDER
MECHANISM.

CASE NO. 18-376-GA-RDR

ENTRY

Entered in the Journal on September 21, 2018

{¶ 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 the Commission.

{¶ 2} In Case No. 17-594-GA-ALT, Suburban filed an alternative rate plan application pursuant to R.C. 4929.05, 4929.051, and 4909.18. In its application, Suburban requested approval to implement a revenue decoupling mechanism with a straight fixed variable rate design to be phased in over a two-year period. As part of the application, Suburban requested approval to initiate an Energy Efficiency Program (EEP) pilot to weatherize the residences of Suburban's high-usage Percentage of Income Payment Plan-Plus customers, and to establish an associated cost recovery mechanism, Rider EEP, with the rate to be initially set at zero. The EEP pilot would be designed, including determination of the Rider EEP rate, with the input of Staff and other interested stakeholders and filed with the Commission for approval within four months after the issuance of an order approving the alternative rate plan application.

{¶ 3} By Finding and Order issued November 1, 2017, Suburban's alternative rate plan application was approved, subject to certain modifications, to be effective on a bills-rendered basis on or after November 10, 2017, for the first year, and November 10, 2018, for the second year. *In re Suburban Natural Gas Co.*, Case No. 17-594-GA-ALT, Finding and Order (Nov. 1, 2017).

{¶ 4} By Entry issued March 1, 2018, Suburban's motion for an extension of time to file an application to implement its EEP pilot and to adjust the rate for the Rider EEP mechanism was granted.

{¶ 5} On March 16, 2018, as amended on May 4, 2018, Suburban filed its application to implement its EEP pilot and rider mechanism.

{¶ 6} On April 3, 2018, and April 18, 2018, Ohio Consumers' Counsel (OCC) and Ohio Partners for Affordable Energy (OPAE), respectively, filed motions to intervene. No memoranda contra the motions to intervene were filed. The attorney examiner finds that the motions are reasonable and should be granted.

{¶ 7} Staff filed its review and recommendations on September 12, 2018.

{¶ 8} To assist the Commission with its review of Suburban's EEP application, the attorney examiner finds that the following procedural schedule should be established:

(a) All motions to intervene and initial comments regarding Suburban's application should be filed by October 5, 2018.

(b) Reply comments should be filed by October 16, 2018.

{¶ 9} It is, therefore,

{¶ 10} ORDERED, That the procedural schedule set forth in Paragraph 8 be adopted.
It is, further,

{¶ 11} ORDERED, That the motions to intervene filed by OCC and OPAE be granted.
It is, further,

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

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/s/ Greta See

By: Greta See
Attorney Examiner

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Summary: Attorney Examiner Entry setting procedural schedule and granting motions to intervene electronically filed by Heather A Chilcote on behalf of Greta See, Attorney Examiner, Public Utilities Commission