### THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF SUBURBAN NATURAL GAS. COMPANY FOR AN INCREASE IN GAS DISTRIBUTION RATES.

CASE NO. 18-1205-GA-AIR

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF SUBURBAN NATURAL GAS COMPANY FOR TARIFF APPROVAL.

CASE NO. 18-1206-GA-ATA

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF SUBURBAN NATURAL GAS COMPANY FOR APPROVAL OF CERTAIN ACCOUNTING AUTHORITY.

CASE NO. 18-1207-GA-AAM

#### **ENTRY**

Entered in the Journal on October 24, 2018

#### I. SUMMARY

{¶ 1} The Commission accepts for filing an application for an increase in rates filed by Suburban Natural Gas Company as of August 31, 2018, and directs that legal notice of the application be published in the non-legal notice section of applicable newspapers.

## II. DISCUSSION

- {¶ 2} Suburban Natural Gas Company (Suburban or Company) is a natural gas company as defined by R.C. 4905.03 and a public utility as defined by R.C. 4905.02, and, as such, is subject to the jurisdiction of this Commission pursuant to R.C. 4905.04, 4905.05, and 4905.06.
- {¶ 3} R.C. 4909.17, 4909.18, 4909.19, and 4909.43 enumerate the statutory requirements for an application to increase a public utility's rates. The Commission adopted Ohio Adm.Code 4901-7-01 and its Appendix (standard filing requirements) pursuant to R.C. 4901.12, 4909.04(C), and 4909.18. The standard filing requirements specify the format for filing all information required in an application for an increase in rates and define the information that the Commission requires pursuant to R.C. 4909.18(E).

- {¶ 4} On July 31, 2018, Suburban filed a notice of intent to file an application for an increase in rates. Concurrently, Suburban also filed a motion seeking to establish a test period and date certain, as well as requesting a waiver of a standard filing requirement.
  - {¶ 5} On August 23, 2018, Suburban amended its waiver request.
  - {¶ 6} On August 31, 2018, Suburban filed its application to increase its rates.
- {¶ 7} By Entry dated September 5, 2018, the Commission approved Suburban's proposed test period and date certain and granted the Company's amended waiver request.
- {¶ 8} On September 19, 2018, Suburban filed a second motion for a waiver of another standard filing requirement.
- {¶ 9} By Entry dated October 10, 2018, the Commission waived the requirement for Suburban to file a cost-of-service study.
- {¶ 10} The Commission finds that Suburban's application meets the requirements of R.C. 4909.17 to 4909.19 and the standard filing requirements. As such, the Commission finds that the application shall be accepted as of the filing date of August 31, 2018.
- {¶ 11} Further, the Commission finds that Suburban's proposed notice for publication, set forth in its application, complies with the requirements of R.C. 4909.19 and the standard filing requirements and should be approved. Suburban shall begin publication of the newspaper notice, pursuant to R.C. 4909.19, within 30 days of the date of this Entry and such notice shall not appear in the legal notices section of applicable newspapers.

# III. ORDER

- ${\P 12}$  It is, therefore,
- $\P$  13} ORDERED, That Suburban's application for an increase in rates be accepted for filing as of August 31, 2018. It is, further,

 $\P$  14 ORDERED, That the proposed newspaper notice submitted by Suburban be approved for publication. It is, further,

**[¶ 15]** ORDERED, That a copy of this Entry be served upon all parties of record.

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

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