

## 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 February 8, 2019

{¶ 1} 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.

{¶ 2} 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.

{¶ 3} On August 23, 2018, Suburban amended its waiver request.

{¶ 4} On August 31, 2018, Suburban filed its application to increase its rates.

{¶ 5} 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.

{¶ 6} On September 19, 2018, Suburban filed a second motion for a waiver of another standard filing requirement.

{¶ 7} By Entry dated October 10, 2018, the Commission waived the requirement for Suburban to file a cost-of-service study.

{¶ 8} By Entry dated October 24, 2018, the Commission accepted Suburban's application as of the August 31, 2018 filing date.

{¶ 9} Staff conducted an investigation of the facts, exhibits, and matters relating to Suburban's application. On February 6, 2019, Staff filed a comprehensive written report of its investigation (Staff Report) in the dockets for Case No. 18-1205-GA-AIR, 18-1206-GA-ATA, and 18-1207-GA-AAM.

{¶ 10} Pursuant to R.C. 4909.19 and Ohio Adm.Code 4901-1-28(B), with regard to any application for an increase in rates under R.C. 4909.18, all objections to a Staff Report must be filed within 30 days after the filing of such report. All objections must be specific; any objection that lacks the specificity required to convey what is actually being placed at issue will be stricken pursuant to Ohio Adm.Code 4901-1-28(B). The attorney examiner finds that all objections to the Staff Report should be filed within 30 days of February 6, 2019, or by March 8, 2019.

{¶ 11} Motions to strike objections should be filed by March 25, 2019, and memoranda contra motions to strike objections should be filed by April 1, 2019. Unless an objection is struck or withdrawn, each objection must be discussed in the initial post-hearing brief of the objecting party. If the objection is not discussed in that initial brief, the objection will be deemed withdrawn without further action.

{¶ 12} Pre-filed testimony should be filed pursuant to Ohio Adm.Code 4901-1-29.

{¶ 13} A prehearing conference will be held on March 25, 2019, at 11:00 a.m. in Hearing Room 11-C at the offices of the Commission, 180 East Broad Street, 11th Floor, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793. The purpose of the conference will be to discuss procedural

aspects of the case and to provide an opportunity for the parties to conduct settlement discussions.

{¶ 14} The evidentiary hearing will commence on April 25, 2019, at 10:00 a.m., in Hearing Room 11-C at the offices of the Commission, 180 East Broad Street, 11th Floor, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793.

{¶ 15} The deadline for motions to intervene in this matter, if not previously filed, is March 8, 2019.

{¶ 16} R.C. 4903.083 requires that the Commission hold at least one public hearing within Suburban's service territory and further requires that at least one such hearing be held after 5:00 p.m. Accordingly, a local public hearing has been scheduled at the following time and location: Thursday, April 18, 2019, at 6:00 p.m., at the Delaware County District Library, 84 East Winter Street, Delaware, Ohio 43015.

{¶ 17} Suburban should publish legal notice of the local public hearing in newspapers of general circulation in the affected service territory once a week for two consecutive weeks prior to the scheduled date of the local public hearing. The legal notice should not appear in the legal notices section of the newspaper. The notice should read as follows:

#### LEGAL NOTICE

The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio has scheduled a local public hearing in Case No. 18-1205-GA-AIR, 18-1206-GA-ATA, and 18-1207-GA-AAM, *In the Matter of the Application of Suburban Natural Gas Company for Approval of an Increase in Gas Distribution Rates, for Tariff Approval, and for Approval of Certain Accounting Authority.*

In its application, Suburban Natural Gas Company requests approval of an increase in gas distribution rates. Suburban requests a rate increase of \$3,365,439, an increase of 18.75 percent over current revenues.

After its review of Suburban's application and records, the Staff of the Commission recommends a revenue increase in the range of \$764,476 to \$1,087,908, which represents an increase of between 4.10 and 5.84 percent over current revenues.

The local hearing is scheduled to provide an opportunity for interested members of the public to testify in these proceedings. The local hearing will be held as follows: Thursday, April 18, 2019, at 6:00 p.m., at the Delaware County District Library, 84 East Winter Street, Delaware, Ohio 43015.

The evidentiary hearing in these proceedings will commence on April 25, 2019, at 10:00 a.m., in Hearing Room 11-C at the offices of the Commission, 180 East Broad Street, 11th Floor, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793. Further information may be obtained by contacting the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio, 43215-3793, by calling the Commission's Call Center at 1-800-686-7826, or by visiting the Commission's website at <http://www.puco.ohio.gov>.

{¶ 18} It is, therefore,

{¶ 19} ORDERED, That the prehearing conference in this matter be scheduled for March 25, 2019, as stated in Paragraph 13. It is, further,

{¶ 20} ORDERED, That the evidentiary hearing in this matter be scheduled for April 25, 2019, as stated in Paragraph 14. It is, further,

{¶ 21} ORDERED, That all interested persons comply with the time frames established in Paragraphs 10, 11, 12, and 15. It is, further,

{¶ 22} ORDERED, That a local public hearing in this matter be held as stated in Paragraph 16. It is, further,

{¶ 23} ORDERED, That Suburban publish notice of the hearings as set forth in Paragraph 17. It is, further,

{¶ 24} ORDERED, That a copy of this Entry be served upon all parties of record.

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

/s/ Anna Sanyal

By: Anna Sanyal  
Attorney Examiner

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Summary: Attorney Examiner Entry setting the procedural schedule and requiring applicant to publish notice electronically filed by Ms. Mary E Fischer on behalf of Anna Sanyal, Attorney Examiner, Public Utilities Commission