BEFORE 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

MOTION TO MODIFY PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE AND REQUEST FOR EXPEDITED TREATMENT BY SUBURBAN NATURAL GAS COMPANY

On February 6, 2019, Staff of the Commission issued the Staff Report in this case. By Entry on February 8, 2019, the Commission established a procedural schedule. That procedural schedule established a March 25, 2019 deadline for motions to strike objections to the Staff Report, testimony deadlines pursuant to Ohio Adm. Code 4901-1-29, a March 25, 2019 prehearing conference, and a start date for the hearing of April 25, 2019. Pursuant to Ohio Adm. Code 4901-1-12, Suburban Natural Gas Company hereby moves to modify that procedural schedule as stated below:

Prehearing Conference: April 8, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.

Hearing Start Date: May 22, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.

See Staff Report (February 6, 2019).

See Entry at ¶¶ 11-14 (February 8, 2019).

³ Id

Suburban can certify that no party, including Staff, objects to the continuance of the prehearing conference or the hearing start date as set forth herein.

Suburban also requests an expedited ruling pursuant to Ohio Adm. Code 4901-1-12(C). Suburban can certify that no party, including Staff, objects to the issuance of an expedited ruling on this Motion. A memorandum in support is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

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MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT

The Commission established the following procedural schedule by Entry on February 8, 2019:

Deadline for Motions to Strike Objections: March 25, 2019

Prehearing Conference: March 25, 2019

Hearing Start Date: April 25, 2019⁴

The parties have now filed their objections to the Staff Report and testimony and are prepared to commence settlement negotiaions. However, per the approved waiver, actual valuation data and operating income statements are not due until April 29, 2019.⁵ In order to allow sufficient time for negotiaitons to occur and for the actual data to be provided, Suburban requests that the Commission modify the procedural schedule as follows:

Prehearing Conference: April 8, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.

Hearing Start Date: May 22, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.

See Entry at ¶¶ 11-14 (February 8, 2019).

⁵ Entry at ¶ 5 (September 5, 2019).

This procedural schedule is necessary to allow the parties sufficient time to review actual valuation data and operating income statements and to explore settlement options in advance of the hearing. Suburban has contacted Staff and all intervening parties and neither Staff nor the other parties object to the continuance of the prehearing conference or the hearing start date as set forth herein.

As the date for the prehearing conference in this matter is approaching quickly, Suburban requests that the Commission issue an expedited ruling on this motion pursuant to Ohio Adm. Code 4901-1-12(C). Suburban is able to certify that no party objects to the issuance of such an expedited ruling.

For the reasons stated herein, Suburban requests that the Commission grant this motion on an expedited basis pursuant to Ohio Adm. Code 4901-1-12 and modify the procedural schedule as requested herein.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and accurate copy of the foregoing was served upon the following parties via electronic mail on March 14, 2019.

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