

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 March 25, 2019

{¶ 1} R.C. 4909.18 requires, in part, that any public utility seeking to establish, modify, amend, change, increase, or reduce any rate must file an application with the Commission.

{¶ 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.

{¶ 3} On July 31, 2018, Suburban filed a notice of intent to file an application for an increase in rates.

{¶ 4} On August 31, 2018, Suburban filed, pursuant to R.C. 4909.18, an application to increase its rates for natural gas distribution service.

{¶ 5} Pursuant to R.C. 4909.19, Staff conducted an investigation of the facts, exhibits, and matters relating to the application. On February 6, 2019, Staff filed a written report of its investigation.

{¶ 6} By Entry dated February 8, 2019, the attorney examiner issued a procedural schedule. The attorney examiner directed that a prehearing conference would occur on March 25, 2019, and that the evidentiary hearing in this matter would commence on April 25, 2019.

{¶ 7} On March 14, 2019, Suburban filed a motion to modify the procedural schedule, along with a request for an expedited ruling. Suburban stated that a continuance of the procedural schedule was necessary to allow sufficient time for settlement negotiations to occur among the parties, as well as to afford the parties sufficient time to review the Company's actual valuation data and operating income statements that are due by April 29, 2019. Suburban, therefore, proposed that the prehearing conference be rescheduled for April 8, 2019, and that the evidentiary hearing be rescheduled to begin on May 22, 2019. Suburban noted that no party objected to its proposed schedule or to the request for an expedited ruling.

{¶ 8} By Entry dated March 21, 2019, the attorney examiner modified the procedural schedule and rescheduled the prehearing conference in this matter to April 8, 2019. Additionally, the attorney examiner noted that the evidentiary hearing would be called on April 25, 2019, and continued to a date to be established by future entry.

{¶ 9} The attorney examiner now reschedules the evidentiary hearing in this matter. Following the conclusion of any public testimony on April 25, 2019, the evidentiary hearing will be continued to May 9, 2019, at 10:00 a.m., at the offices of the Commission, 180 East Broad Street, 11th Floor, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793. Furthermore, the parties should be aware that, following the testimony on May 9, 2019, the hearing will be continued to May 20, 2019.

{¶ 10} It is, therefore,

{¶ 11} ORDERED, That the evidentiary hearing in this matter be rescheduled as set forth in Paragraph 9. It is, further,

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

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/s/Anna Sanyal

By: Anna Sanyal
Attorney Examiner

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Summary: Attorney Examiner Entry rescheduling evidentiary hearing electronically filed by Heather A Chilcote on behalf of Anna Sanyal, Attorney Examiner, Public Utilities Commission