

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

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In the Matter of the :
 Application of Suburban :
 Natural Gas Company for : Case Nos. 18-1205-GA-AIR
 an Increase in Gas : 18-1206-GA-ATA
 Distribution Rates, for : 18-1207-GA-AAM
 Tariff Approval and for :
 Approval of Certain :
 Accounting Authority. :

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PROCEEDINGS

before Hearing Examiners Anna Sanyal and Sarah Parrot
 and Commissioner Daniel Conway, at the Delaware
 County Library, 84 East Winter Street, Delaware,
 Ohio, called at 6:20 p.m. on Thursday, April 18,
 2019.

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APPEARANCES:

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On behalf of Suburban Natural Gas Company

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On behalf of the Consumers of Suburban
Natural Gas Company.

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1 Thursday Evening Session,
2 April 18, 2019.

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4 EXAMNER SANYAL: The Public Utilities
5 Commission of Ohio has assigned for public hearing at
6 this time and place Case Nos. 18-1205-GA-AIR,
7 18-1206-GA-ATA and 18-1207-GA-AAM which are captioned
8 as In the Matter of the Application of Suburban
9 Natural Gas Company for an Increase in Gas
10 Distribution Rates, for Tariff Approval and for
11 Approval of Certain Accounting Authority.

12 My name is Anna Sanyal and along with
13 Sarah Parrot, we are the Attorney Examiners assigned
14 by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio to preside
15 over this hearing. We also have some additional
16 Commission Staff who's present with us.

17 We have Commissioner Daniel Conway, Andy
18 Shafner (sic) who is Commissioner Conway's aide --
19 Shaffer, apologies, Matt Schilling from the
20 Commission's Public Affairs Department and Gary from
21 the Commission's Service Monitoring and Enforcement
22 Division.

23 I want to note for the record that we
24 don't have any members of the public present. We did
25 wait until 6:20 p.m., and we currently do not have

1 any public members. As we continue, if we do have
2 any members of the public show up, we will give them
3 an opportunity to make a statement.

4 At this time, I would like to take
5 appearances on behalf of the parties beginning with
6 Suburban.

7 MS. BOJKO: Thank you, your Honor, on
8 behalf of the Suburban Natural Gas Company, Kimberly
9 W. Bojko with the law firm of Carpenter, Lipps and
10 Leland, 280 North High Street, Suite 1300, Columbus,
11 Ohio, 43215.

12 Also with me today is Andrew Sonderman
13 who is the President of Suburban Natural Gas Company
14 and Theresa Morgan -- Mogan, excuse me, who's the
15 Director of Customer Services.

16 EXAMNER SANYAL: Thank you.

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18 MR. HEALEY: Thank you, your Honor, on
19 behalf of the Ohio Consumers' Counsel, Christopher
20 Healey, 65 East State Street, Suite 700, Columbus,
21 Ohio, 43215.

22 EXAMNER SANYAL: Thank you.

23 Is there anyone else here on behalf of a
24 party to this proceeding? Seeing none, I will just
25 do a brief summary of the purpose of this application

1 and the purpose of this hearing.

2 The subject of this evening's public
3 hearing is Suburban Natural Gas Company's application
4 for an increase in distribution rates which is
5 accompanied by an application for tariff approval and
6 for approval of certain accounting authority.

7 Suburban filed its application
8 August 31st, 2018. Suburban is requesting a rate
9 increase that if approved would generate additional
10 base revenue of \$3,365,439 which represents a
11 19 percent increase over current revenue.

12 Commission Staff issued a report on
13 February 6th, 2019. Given its review, Staff
14 recommends a revenue increase in the range of
15 \$764,476 to \$1,087,908 which represents a 4.10 to
16 5.84 percent over current revenue.

17 I would like to note for the record that
18 the Staff Report is a recommendation only. The
19 Commission may implement some of Staff's suggestions
20 and reject others. There is also in addition to this
21 local public hearing an evidentiary hearing which is
22 also scheduled to commence on April 25th, 2019 at the
23 Commission's office in Columbus.

24 Seeing that there are no members of the
25 public, I just wanted to open it up to see if any of

1 the parties present had any comments, questions,
 2 concerns for the record.

3 MR. HEALEY: Nothing from the Consumers'
 4 Counsel. Thank you.

5 MS. BOJKO: No, your Honor.

6 EXAMNER SANYAL: And Commissioner Conway
 7 or Miss Parrot, questions?

8 COMMISSIONER CONWAY: Not at this time,
 9 thank you.

10 EXAMNER SANYAL: Thank you. Seeing no
 11 one from the public still, I would like to thank the
 12 parties for coming out this evening and Commission
 13 Staff, and we are adjourned. Everyone have a good
 14 evening.

15 (The public hearing was concluded at 6:24
 16 p.m.)

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CERTIFICATE

I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct transcript of the proceedings taken by me in this matter on Thursday, April 18, 2019, and carefully compared with my original stenographic notes.

Cynthia L. Cunningham
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Summary: Transcript In the Matter of the Application of Suburban Natural Gas Company for an Increase in Gas Distribution Rates, for Tariff Approval and for Approval of Certain Accounting Authority, hearing held on April 18th, 2019. electronically filed by Mr. Ken Spencer on behalf of Armstrong & Okey, Inc. and Cunningham, Cindy