

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 May 16, 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) 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.

{¶ 8} On March 21, 2019, the attorney examiner modified the procedural schedule. The prehearing conference was rescheduled to occur on April 8, 2019. Additionally, the attorney examiner noted that the evidentiary hearing would be called on April 25, 2019, as scheduled, and continued to a date to be established by future entry.

{¶ 9} By Entry dated March 25, 2019, the attorney examiner noted that, following the conclusion of any public testimony on April 25, 2019, the evidentiary hearing would be continued to May 9, 2019. The attorney examiner further noted that, following the testimony on May 9, 2019, the hearing would be continued to May 20, 2019.

{¶ 10} The evidentiary hearing was convened on April 25, 2019. During the hearing, a deadline of May 16, 2019, was established for the filing of Staff's testimony. Further, as planned, the evidentiary hearing was continued to May 9, 2019. Following the testimony heard on May 9, 2019, the hearing was again continued to May 20, 2019.

{¶ 11} On May 16, 2019, Staff filed a motion for an extension and continuance, along with a request for an expedited ruling. In the motion, Staff notes that it has reached a stipulation in principle with Suburban. In order to permit Suburban and Staff additional time to formalize the stipulation, Staff requests that the May 16, 2019 deadline for its testimony be extended and that the evidentiary hearing be continued. Staff also requests that the hearing be reconvened, as currently scheduled, on May 20, 2019, for the purpose of discussing a revised procedural schedule. Staff states that no party objects to the issuance of an immediate ruling or to the requested extension and continuance.

{¶ 12} The attorney examiner finds that Staff's motion for an extension and continuance is reasonable and should be granted. Accordingly, the evidentiary hearing will reconvene on May 20, 2019, at 10:00 a.m., in Hearing Room 11-D at the offices of the Commission, 180 East Broad Street, 11th Floor, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793. At that time, the parties should be prepared to discuss a revised procedural schedule.

{¶ 13} It is, therefore,

{¶ 14} ORDERED, That Staff's motion for an extension and continuance be granted.
It is, further,

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

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s/Sarah Parrot

By: Sarah J. Parrot
Attorney Examiner

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Summary: Attorney Examiner Entry granting Staff's motion for an extension and continuance - electronically filed by Sandra Coffey on behalf of Sarah Parrot, Attorney Examiner, Public Utilities Commission of Ohio