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Subject: PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO - Case #: 00552882 [ ref:\_00Dt0GzXt.\_500t0NQhZv:ref ]

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Case Number: 00552882

Dear Anthony Hartley:

Thank you for contacting the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO) regarding Suburban Natural Gas (Suburban) and its application to increase its rates.

The PUCO is responsible for ensuring that utilities across the state provide safe and reliable services. Great care is taken to review the utilities' financial records to make certain that the rates set do not result in the over-collection of revenue.

On August 31, 2018, Suburban filed an application to increase its annual revenue in the amount of approximately \$3.4 million. The PUCO staff will investigate the facts and issues in the company's application, prepare a staff report, and schedule a local public hearing.

On April 18, 2019, the PUCO held a public hearing in Delaware, Ohio. On May 23, 2019, Suburban filed a stipulation, or settlement agreement, signed by the company and PUCO staff.

On September 26, 2019, the PUCO approved the settlement agreement. This agreement authorized a total revenue increase of \$1.78 million which will be phased in over three years in order to reduce bill impacts for customers. Residential customers will experience an increase of \$4.42 in their monthly bill for year one of the phase in.

In response to the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (TCJA), base rates will be adjusted to reflect the federal tax rates. The company will establish a tax credit rider in the near future to refund to customers over collected income taxes since TCJA went into effect.

You may view the case documents by visiting our website at <a href="https://www.PUCO.ohio.gov">www.PUCO.ohio.gov</a>. Click on the link to "Docketing Information System (DIS)" and enter the case number (18-1205-GA-AIR) in the search field.

Should you have any additional utility-related questions, please do not hesitate to contact the PUCO Call Center at (800) 686-PUCO (7826) or

visit our website.

Sincerely,

## **Leonard Gore**

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