

**BEFORE  
THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO**

In the Matter of the Application of                    )  
Suburban Natural Gas Company for                )  
Approval of an Adjustment to its Energy         )  
Efficiency Program (EEP) Rider                    )        Case No. 20-0353-GA-RDR

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**APPLICATION OF SUBURBAN NATURAL GAS COMPANY  
FOR APPROVAL OF AN ADJUSTMENT  
TO ITS ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAM RIDER**

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Pursuant to the Finding and Order of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (Commission) issued on November 7, 2018 in Case No. 18-376-GA-RDR, which approved Suburban Natural Gas Company's (Suburban) application to implement a two-year Energy Efficiency Program (EEP) Pilot and rate mechanism,<sup>1</sup> Suburban hereby submits its annual reconciliation filing. Suburban respectfully requests approval to decrease its EEP Rider rate for all small general service customers receiving service under its Small General Service Rate Schedule. In support of this Application, Suburban states:

1. 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.
2. On March 16, 2018, as amended on May 4, 2018 and September 28, 2018, Suburban filed its application to implement an EEP Pilot and a Rider EEP rate in Case No. 18-376-GA-RDR.
3. On November 7, 2018, in Case No. 18-376-GA-RDR, the Commission approved Suburban's application to implement a two-year EEP Pilot and established a Rider EEP rate of

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<sup>1</sup> *In the Matter of Suburban Natural Gas Company for Approval to Initiate an Energy Efficiency Program and Rider Mechanism*, Case No. 18-376-GA-RDR, Finding and Order at ¶15 (November 7, 2018) (EEP Order).

\$0.3431 per month applicable to Suburban's Small General Service Rate Schedule accounts.<sup>2</sup>

4. Suburban filed tariffs consistent with the EEP Order, which became effective on November 8, 2018, as modified by the Commission's order in Suburban's recent rate case on September 26, 2019.<sup>3</sup> The revised tariffs became effective on September 30, 2019. Suburban's Rider EEP, as set forth in P.U.C.O. NO. 4, Original Sheet No. 9, page 3 of 7, states: "This Rider is subject to reconciliation, including, but not limited to, increases or refunds based upon the results of audits ordered by the Commission in accordance with the November 7, 2018 Opinion and Order in Case No. 18-376-GA-RDR."<sup>4</sup>

5. Pursuant to the EEP Order and the approved Rider EEP rate schedule, Suburban proposes a reconciliation adjustment, decreasing Rider EEP from \$0.3431 to \$0.0574 per month, applicable to Suburban's Small General Service Rate Schedule accounts. A copy of the proposed Rider EEP, P.U.C.O. NO. 4, Original Sheet No. 9, page 3 of 7, is attached as Attachment A to this Application, in both proposed and redline forms. The calculation of the revised rate and reconciliation is shown in Attachment B.

6. Suburban avers that one EEP weatherization project was completed by OP&E during the first year of the EEP Pilot. The project was a furnace replacement project and leveraged both EEP funding as well as HWAP Agency funds, which reduced the overall cost of the project to Suburban's EEP Pilot. The project resulted in an air leakage reduction: Pre-replacement equaled 1870 @ 50 cfm; post-replacement equaled 1764 @ 50 cfm.

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<sup>2</sup> Id. at ¶18.

<sup>3</sup> *In the Matter of the Application of Suburban Natural Gas Company for an Increase in Gas Distribution Rates*, Case No. 18-1205-GA-AIR, et al., Opinion and Order at ¶172, 176-177 (September 26, 2019) (Rate Case Order).

<sup>4</sup> Id.; also see EEP Order at ¶15.

7. Although the projected annual EEP Pilot costs were estimated to be \$70,000.00 in the first year, expenditures did not rise to that level. Total expenditures during the first year of the program were \$13,445 and total collections from customers were \$71,258, resulting in an over-collection of \$57,813. Over the second twelve months of the EEP Pilot, program costs are expected to be \$70,000.00. Therefore, the revised Rider EEP rate has been calculated to generate \$70,000 of funding for the second year of the EEP Pilot, net of the unexpended amount of \$57,813 from the first year of the EEP Pilot. See Attachment B.

8. After reconciliation, Suburban avers that a Rider EEP rate of \$0.0574 per month applicable to Suburban's Small General Service Rate Schedule accounts is just and reasonable and should be approved by the Commission.

WHEREFORE, Suburban respectfully requests that the Commission approve a decrease in its Rider EEP rate to the rate set forth in the revised tariff sheet contained in Attachment A of this Application.

Respectfully submitted,

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(Cancels P.U.C.O. No. 3)  
Tariff for Natural Gas Service

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**RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE DISTRIBUTION AND SALE OF  
NATURAL GAS**

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**Energy Efficiency Program Rider**

**Applicability:**

Applicable to all Customers served under Rate SGS.

**Description:**

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**Rate:**

A charge of ~~\$0.3431~~0.0574 per month to be applied to SGS rate schedule accounts.

This Rider is subject to reconciliation, including, but not limited to, increases or refunds based upon the results of audits ordered by the Commission in accordance with the November 7, 2018 Opinion and Order in Case No. 18-376-GA-RDR.

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ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAM PILOT RIDER  
2019

Line No.			
1	Estimated Number of Customers		17,700
2	Estimated Number of Monthly Bills		212,400
3	Actual EEP Deferral as of:	\$	(57,813)
4	Recovery Period		<u>1</u> Year
5	Recovery Amount (Line 3 / Line 4)		<u>(57,813)</u>
6	Recovery Rate (Line 5 / Line 2)	\$	(0.2722) per Monthly bill
7	Estimated Annual Program Cost		<u>70,000</u>
8	Recovery Rate (Line 7 / Line 2)	\$	0.3296 per Monthly bill
9	Total EEP Rider (Line 6 + Line 8)	<u>\$</u>	<u>0.0574</u> per Monthly bill

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2019

	Month One	Month Two	Month Three	Month Four	Month Five	Month Six	Month Seven	Month Eight	Month Nine	Month Ten	Month Eleven	Month Twelve
1 Balance - Beginning of Month		(5,839)	(11,731)	(17,641)	(23,565)	(29,495)	(35,440)	(41,418)	(37,387)	(43,341)	(49,300)	(51,844)
2 Program Expenses								10,000			3,445	
3 Recovery - EEP Rider	5,839	5,892	5,910	5,924	5,930	5,945	5,978	5,969	5,954	5,959	5,989	5,969
4 Balance - End of Month (1+2-3)	\$ (5,839)	\$ (11,731)	\$ (17,641)	\$ (23,565)	\$ (29,495)	\$ (35,440)	\$ (41,418)	\$ (37,387)	\$ (43,341)	\$ (49,300)	\$ (51,844)	\$ (57,813)

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