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RE: *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. 20-353-GA-RDR.*

Dear Docketing Division:

Enclosed please find the Review and Recommendations of the Staff of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (Staff) regarding the application filed by Suburban Natural Gas Company, to adjust its Energy Efficiency Program (EEP) Rider in Case No. 20-353-GA-RDR.

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Enclosure  
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**Suburban Natural Gas Company  
Case No. 20-353-GA-RDR**

**SUMMARY**

On April 25, 2017, in Case No. 17-594-GA-ALT, Suburban Natural Gas Company (Suburban or Company) filed an application for approval of an alternative rate plan (ALT), not for an increase in rates. As part of the application, Suburban requested approval to initiate a two-year energy efficiency program pilot (EEP Pilot) and rider (Rider EEP), in order to weatherize the residences of Suburban's highest usage percentage of income payment plan (PIPP) customers and establish an associated cost recovery mechanism.

On November 1, 2017, the Commission issued its Finding and Order, approving the ALT, including the proposed EEP Pilot and Rider EEP. The initial Rider EEP rate was set to zero. Suburban was ordered to work with Staff and other interested parties in order to establish the pilot and proposed rider rate application for the Commission's consideration.

On March 16, 2018, Suburban filed an application in Case No. 18-376-GA-RDR to establish its first Rider EEP charge with a per monthly bill rate of \$0.3594. On May 4, 2018, Suburban amended its application and revised the monthly per bill rate to \$0.3431.

On February 3, 2020, Suburban filed an application to revise its current Rider EEP from \$0.3431 per month to \$0.0574 per month. Suburban submitted revised tariffs (Attachment A) and supporting calculations (Attachment B) in support of the application request.

Staff has reviewed the application and makes its findings and recommendations in this Staff Letter.

**STAFF REVIEW**

Staff reviewed the application, exhibits and proposed tariff language submitted by Suburban in its applications and agrees with the proposed Rider EEP rate as detailed in the application. Staff confirmed that Suburban's Rider EEP calculations were accurate as shown on Attachment B.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

Staff believes that Suburban's application appropriately calculates the rider and recommends the proposed rate of \$0.0574 per month be approved.