

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 Uncollectible Expense Rider.)     Case No. 21-316-GA-UEx

APPLICATION OF SUBURBAN NATURAL GAS COMPANY FOR  
APPROVAL OF AN ADJUSTMENT TO ITS UNCOLLECTIBLE  
EXPENSE RIDER

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Suburban Natural Gas Company (Suburban) hereby submits its Uncollectible Expense Rider Report and Application (Application) to modify its Uncollectible Expense Rider (UEX Rider). Suburban respectfully requests approval of the proposed adjustment.

In support of this Application, Suburban states as follows:

1. On August 3, 2007, Suburban filed an Application to Increase Rates, which, among other things, sought the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio's (Commission) approval to implement an UEX Rider. In an Opinion and Order issued on March 19, 2008,<sup>1</sup> the Commission approved Suburban's Application to Increase Rates and authorized Suburban to implement an UEX Rider.
2. On May 22, 2009, Suburban applied for an increase in its UEX Rider from \$0.7012727 per Mcf to \$0.08641518 per Mcf. In an entry issued on July 23, 2009, Suburban filed tariffs consistent with the Entry, which became effective on August 26, 2009.<sup>2</sup> Subsequent adjustments have been approved on an annual basis.<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> *In the Matter of Suburban Natural Gas Company for Authority to Increase its Rates and Charges in Certain Areas of its Territory*, Case No. 07-689-GA-AIR, Opinion and Order at 5 (March 19, 2008).

<sup>2</sup> *In the Matter of Suburban Natural Gas Company for approval of an Adjustment to its Uncollectible Expense Rider*, Case No. 09-438-GA-UEx, Entry at 5 (July 23, 2009).

<sup>3</sup> See, e.g., *In the Matter of the Application of Suburban Natural Gas Company for Approval of an Adjustment to Its Uncollectible Expense Rider*, Case No. 20-316-GA-UEx, Finding and Order (March 10, 2021).

3. The Suburban UEX Rider, as set forth in First Revised Tariff Sheet No. 9, page 1 of 7, states that “The Company shall file an application with the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio requesting approval to change the rate if the Company determines that an adjustment of more than plus or minus ten (10) percent is needed to adjust for prior period over-or under-collections.”<sup>4</sup>
4. Suburban proposes to increase the UEX Rider by \$0.02671423 per Mcf, which will result in a charge to the customer of \$0.0455166 per Mcf. A copy of the proposed UEX Rider, Second Revised Sheet No. 9, Page 1 of 7 is attached as Attachment 1 to this Application, in both proposed and redline forms. The rate is comprised of (1) the balance of deferred uncollectible accounts expense net of recoveries as of December 31, 2020, and the actual bad debt write-offs for the year 2020. The calculation of the revised rate is shown in Attachment 2.
5. The charge to the customer of \$0.0455166 per Mcf amounts to an increase of the UEX Rider of greater than ten (10) percent from the previous period.

The charge of \$0.0455166 per Mcf is just and reasonable for the UEX Rider and should be approved by the Commission.

Respectfully submitted,

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<sup>4</sup> *In the Matter of the Application of Suburban Natural Gas Company for Approval of an Adjustment to its Uncollectible Expense Rate Rider, Case No 20-0316-GA-UEX, Filing of First Revised Sheet No 9 Page 1 of 7 (March 10, 2021).*

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

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**RIDERS**

**Uncollectible Expense Rider**

**Applicability:**

To all Customers.

**Description:**

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This rider is updated annually, including reconciliation for any over- or under-collections. The Uncollectible Expense Rider may also include Customer refunds if the Commission or the Supreme Court of Ohio determines, as a result of the Commission's biennial audit of the rider, that Suburban's Uncollectible Expense Rider was unlawful or unreasonable or included imprudent amounts.

Issued: \_\_\_\_\_, 2020~~2021~~

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In accordance with the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio Opinion and Order  
and subsequent authority

Order Dated: ~~03/10/2021~~ & 9/26/2019

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**SUBURBAN NATURAL GAS COMPANY  
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BAD DEBT TRACKER  
2020**

Line No.			
1	Actual Annual Sales		1,917,585 MCF
2	Actual Bad Debt Deferral as of:	12/31/2020	\$ 64,125
3	Recovery Period		<u>1</u> Year
4	Recovery Amount (Line 2 / Line 3)		<u>64,125</u>
5	Recovery Rate (Line 4 / Line 1)		\$ 0.0334405 per MCF
6	Actual Annual Bad Debt Write-Off		<u>23,157</u>
7	Recovery Rate (Line 6 / Line 1)		\$ 0.0120761 per MCF
8	Total Bad Debt Tracker (Line 5 + Line 7)		<u><u>\$ 0.0455166</u></u> per MCF
9	Tracker Rate Approved		\$ 0.0188024 per MCF
10	Change (Line 8 - Line 9)		\$ 0.0267142
11	Percent Change (Line 10 / Line 9)		142%

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UNCOLLECTIBLE ACCOUNTS EXPENSE RIDER  
2020**

	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
1 Balance - Beginning of Month	\$ 14,349	\$ 18,436	\$ 21,635	\$ 31,234	\$ 33,464	\$ 41,007	\$ 46,554	\$ 45,950	\$ 46,187	\$ 54,215	\$ 54,497	\$ 55,554
2 Bad Debts Written Off			3,874			5,054			8,130			5,562
3 Recovery - Base Rates												
4 Recovery - Bad Debt Rider	(4,329)	(4,718)	(4,137)	(2,867)	(2,180)	(1,068)	(582)	(555)	(544)	(837)	(1,820)	(2,982)
5 Recovery - Other	242	1,519	(1,588)	637	(5,363)	575	1,186	318	646	555	763	(27)
6 Incremental Bad Debts (2-(3+4+5))	4,087	3,199	9,599	2,230	7,543	5,547	(604)	237	8,028	282	1,057	8,571
7 Balance Subtotal (1 + 6)	18,436	21,635	31,234	33,464	41,007	46,554	45,950	46,187	54,215	54,497	55,554	64,125
8 Carrying Charges												
9 Balance - End of Month (7 + 8)	\$ 18,436	\$ 21,635	\$ 31,234	\$ 33,464	\$ 41,007	\$ 46,554	\$ 45,950	\$ 46,187	\$ 54,215	\$ 54,497	\$ 55,554	\$ 64,125

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