

**BEFORE
THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO**

In the Matter of the Application of Suburban)
Natural Gas Company for an Increase in Gas) Case No. 18-1205-GA-AIR
Distribution Rates.)

In the Matter of the Application of Suburban) Case No. 18-1206-GA-ATA
Natural Gas Company for Tariff Approval.)

In the Matter of the Application of Suburban)
Natural Gas Company for Approval of Certain) Case No. 18-1207-GA-AAM
Accounting Authority.)

**NOTICE OF SUBURBAN NATURAL GAS COMPANY
TO IMPLEMENT
PHASE III OF ITS RATE INCREASE**

Suburban Natural Gas Company (Suburban) hereby notifies the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (Commission) of its intent to implement Phase III of its scheduled rate increase approved by the Commission on September 26, 2019 in the above-captioned proceeding. Suburban respectfully requests approval of its revised tariff schedules implementing Phase III of its authorized rate increase. In support of its revised tariff, Suburban states as follows:

1. On August 31, 2018, Suburban filed an Application for an Increase in Rates, which, among other things, sought the Commission's approval to increase its rates for gas distribution service, authorization of new charges and changes to existing charges, approval of the requested tariff changes, and approval of certain accounting authority. Suburban's Application for an Increase in Rates was based on a twelve-month test period ending February 28, 2019.¹

¹ Suburban's Application for an Increase in Rates at 2 (Aug. 31, 2018).

2. On September 5, 2018, the Commission approved the test period.² Following the conclusion of the test period, Suburban entered into a Stipulation and Recommendation with the Commission Staff (Stipulation) regarding the proposed increase.³ The Stipulation recommended increasing Suburban's total revenue and revenue requirement annually over a three-year period.⁴ After a full evidentiary hearing and review, the Commission approved the Stipulation, including the plan to phase in the revenue increase over three years by increasing Suburban's revenue requirement over that three-year period.⁵
3. In pertinent part, the Stipulation states: "The recommended revenue increase beginning with the third year after the Commission's Order in this proceeding (Year 3) and every year thereafter until new distribution rates are approved in a subsequent proceeding shall be \$1,778,433.00 per year from current rates at the time of filing of the Stipulation."⁶ "The revenue requirement for the third year after the date of the Commission Order approving rates in this matter (Year 3) and for every year thereafter until new distribution rates are approved in a subsequent proceeding shall equal \$20,411,204.00 per year."⁷ As approved by the Commission,⁸ the revenue requirement

² See Entry (Sept. 5, 2018).

³ See Stipulation and Recommendation (May 23, 2019).

⁴ *Id.* at 4-5.

⁵ Entry at ¶¶ 141, 174-78 (Sept. 26, 2019).

⁶ Stipulation and Recommendation at 4 (May 23, 2019).

⁷ *Id.* at 5.

⁸ Entry and Order at ¶ 37 (Sept. 26, 2019) ("Rate case expenses shall be amortized over five years. Suburban shall file a late filed exhibit reflecting the total amount of rate case expense to be included in rate base within 30 days of the date the hearing concludes or reply briefs are filed, whichever is later.").

has been adjusted for rate case expenses, resulting in a revenue requirement for Year 3 of \$20,452,957.⁹

4. The Stipulation also provides that “the 4.9 mile extension of the DEL-MAR pipeline shall be phased into rate base over a three-year period.”¹⁰ During the third year of the phase-in, and every year thereafter, the rate base is to include “100% of the current book value of the 4.9-mile DEL-MAR pipeline extension, including depreciation and property tax.”¹¹ Additionally,

At the time additional book value of the 4.9-mile DEL-MAR pipeline extension is added to rate base at the beginning of the second and third years following the Commission Order in this proceeding (Year 2 and Year 3), Suburban’s established revenue requirement for each applicable year shall be allocated to the customers based upon the total number of customers, as evaluated by Staff and as approved by the Commission, at the time the additional book value is added at the same revenue distribution percentage, excluding gas costs, as established in Year 1.¹²

5. Upon approval and adoption of the Stipulation, Suburban filed its tariff for Natural Gas Service on September 27, 2019. Per the Stipulation, Suburban filed its revised tariff to implement Year 2 of the phased-in rate increase on September 4, 2020, which was approved on September 23, 2020. Under its First Revised filed tariff sheet for Small General Service (Rate SGS), the Customer Service Charge was \$34.41 per meter.¹³ There was no volumetric charge for Rate SGS.
6. In accordance with its authorized phased-in rate increase, Suburban proposes to revise its tariff for Rate SGS to allocate the authorized Year 3 revenue requirement, updated

⁹ See Suburban’s Late-filed Exhibit Reflecting Actual Rate Case Expense (Sept. 16, 2019).

¹⁰ Stipulation and Recommendation at 5 (May 23, 2019).

¹¹ *Id.* at 6.

¹² *Id.*

¹³ Tariff at First Revised Sheet No. 6, Page 1 (Sept. 25, 2020).

to account for the most recent number of Rate SGS customers. To reflect Year 3 of the phase-in, the adjusted Rate SGS Customer Service Charge is \$34.60 per meter. There continues to be no volumetric charge for Rate SGS.

7. Upon approval and adoption of the Stipulation, Suburban filed its tariff for Large General Service (Rate LGS) on September 27, 2019. Per the Stipulation, Suburban filed its revised tariff to implement Year 2 of the phased-in rate increase on September 4, 2020, which was approved on September 23, 2020. The First Revised Rate LGS tariff sheet included a Customer Service Charge of \$178.95 per meter, and a volumetric charge of \$2.1251 per Mcf.¹⁴
8. In accordance with its authorized phased-in rate increase, Suburban proposes to revise its tariff for Rate LGS to allocate the authorized Year 3 revenue requirement, updated to account for the most recent number of Rate LGS customers. To reflect Year 3 of the phase-in, the adjusted Rate LGS Customer Service Charge is \$195.87 per meter, and the volumetric charge is \$2.1811 per Mcf.
9. Upon approval and adoption of the Stipulation, Suburban filed its tariff for Large General Transportation Service (Rate LGTS) on September 27, 2019. Per the Stipulation, Suburban filed its revised tariff to implement Year 2 of the phased-in rate increase on September 4, 2020, which was approved on September 23, 2020. The First Revised Rate LGTS tariff sheet included a Customer Service Charge of \$168.61 per meter, and a maximum volumetric charge of \$2.3817 per Mcf.¹⁵

¹⁴ Tariff at First Revised Sheet No. 7, Page 1 (Sept. 25, 2020).

¹⁵ Tariff at First Revised Sheet No. 8, Page 4 (Sept. 25, 2020).

10. In accordance with its authorized phased-in rate increase, Suburban proposes to revise its tariff for Rate LGTS to allocate the authorized Year 3 revenue requirement, updated to account for the most recent number of Rate LGTS customers. To reflect Year 3 of the phase-in, the adjusted Rate LGS Customer Service Charge is \$186.90 per meter, and the maximum volumetric charge is \$2.4444 per Mcf.
11. In accordance with its authorized phased-in rate increase, Suburban's Year 3 revenue requirement has been allocated to the customers based upon the total number of customers at the time the additional book value of the DEL-MAR pipeline extension, including depreciation and property taxes, was included in rate base and at the same class revenue distribution percentage as established in Year 1.¹⁶
12. The updated Class and Schedule Revenue Summary, Schedule E-4, reflecting Year 3 of the phase-in, is attached hereto as Attachment A.
13. Suburban's Second Revised, redlined tariff sheets to reflect these adjustments are attached hereto as Attachment B, and clean Second Revised tariff sheets are attached hereto as Attachment C.

The Second Revised tariff sheets reflecting the proposed adjustments to its rates to reflect Year 3 of the phased-in rate increase approved by the Commission on September 26, 2019 in the above-captioned proceeding are consistent with the approved Stipulation and are just and reasonable and should be approved by the Commission.

¹⁶ Stipulation at 6.

WHEREFORE, Suburban respectfully requests that the Commission approve the Second Revised tariff sheets, effective September 30, 2021, contained in Attachment C of this Notice.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachment A

SUBURBAN NATURAL GAS COMPANY
CASE NO. 18-1205-GA-AIR
PROPOSED
CLASS AND SCHEDULE REVENUE SUMMARY
FOR PHASE III OF RATE IMPLEMENTATION

SCHEDULE E-4

Line No.	Rate Code (A)	Class / Description (B)	Customer Bills (C)	Sales CCF (D)	Proposed Rate (E)	Proposed Annualized		% of Revenue To Total Exclusive of Gas Costs (G)	Annualized Gas Cost Revenue (H)	Proposed Revenue Total (I)=(F)+(H)
						Proposed Revenue Less Gas Cost Revenue (F)=(C)*(E)	Revenue			
1		Small General Service								
2		Customer Charge	219,132		\$34.60	\$7,581,967				
3		Commodity Charge		14,725,402	\$0.0000	0				
4		Total Small General Service				\$7,581,967		77.47%	\$8,389,209	\$15,971,176
5										
6		Large General Service								
7		Customer Charge	3,252		\$195.87	\$636,969				
8		Commodity Charge		4,366,683	\$0.21811	\$952,417				
9		Total Large General Service				\$1,589,386		16.24%	\$2,276,615	\$3,866,001
10										
11		Large General Service Transport								
12		Customer Charge	300		\$186.90	\$56,070				
13		Commodity Charge		1,462,054	\$0.24444	\$357,384				
14		Total Large General Service Transport				\$413,454		4.22%		\$413,454
15										
16		Miscellaneous Revenue				\$202,608		2.07%		\$202,608
17										
18		Total	222,684	20,554,139		\$9,787,416		100.00%	\$10,665,824	\$20,452,957

(1) Excludes Gross Receipt Tax, MCF Tax, PIPP, IRP and Uncollectible Riders

(2) Assumes Gas Cost as Filed in the Staff Report

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Tariff for Natural Gas Service

**RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE DISTRIBUTION AND SALE OF
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SECTION IV RATES AND CHARGES

Small General Service (Rate SGS)

Applicability:

Applicable to Residential and Small Commercial Customers with annual usage less than 300 Mcf.

Customer Service Charge:

~~\$34.41~~ \$34.60 per meter, per monthly invoice regardless of usage.

Customers with fewer than eight (8) days of usage in the billing period shall not be billed for the Customer Service Charge. Customers with eight (8) or more days of usage in the billing period shall be billed for the Customer Service Charge.

Riders:

Service under this rate schedule is subject to the following Riders:

- Gross Receipts Excise Tax Rider (Sheet No. 9, Page 7)
- Percentage of Income Payment Plan Rider (Sheet No. 9, Page 5)
- Uncollectible Expense Rider (Sheet No. 9, Page 1)
- Energy Efficiency Program Rider (Sheet No. 9, Page 3)
- Ohio Mcf Tax Rider (Sheet No. 9, Page 4)
- Infrastructure Replacement Program Rider (Sheet No. 9, Page 2)
- Tax Cuts and Jobs Act Rider (Sheet No. 9-A, Page 1)

Recovery of Includable Cost of Gas Supplies

All gas delivered is subject to the Gas Cost Recovery (GCR) rate per Mcf applied to the Customer's monthly deliveries. The final GCR rates shall be determined under the provisions of the Uniform

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Usage Charge:

For all Mcf delivered per month: \$~~2.125~~ 2.1811 per Mcf

Customer Service Charge:

\$~~178.95~~ 195.87 per meter, per monthly invoice regardless of usage.

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Customer for purposes of the application of the imbalance charges set forth in this rate schedule. Buyer shall eliminate imbalances in its account as soon as possible but in no event later than the last day of the month in which such notice is received.

Confirmation and Scheduling by Company:

No gas shall flow under any nomination until Company has confirmed, to the extent required, the nomination, awarded capacity, and scheduled the applicable quantities.

Net Monthly Bill: Computed in accordance with following charges:

Transportation Charge: Shall consist of the following, less all related gas costs:

Maximum Usage Charge:

For all Mcf delivered per month: \$~~2.3817~~ 2.4444 per Mcf

Maximum Customer Service Charge:

\$~~168.61~~ 186.90 per meter, per monthly invoice regardless of usage.

The minimum Transportation Charge shall cover the variable costs of service, plus make a contribution to total Company fixed costs. Unless otherwise agreed by the Company and Customer, Customer shall pay the maximum rate for all volumes delivered hereunder.

Demand Charge: Twenty-Five Cents (\$.25) per Mcf per month for all volumes delivered through the Customer's meter.

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