



December 19, 2022

Via Electronic Mail

To: The Office of the County Clerk, Municipal Clerk and County Administrator

Re: In the Matter of the Petition of New Jersey Natural Gas Company for The Annual Review and Revision of Societal Benefits Charge Factors for Remediation Year 2021, Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:2-21 and 48:2-21.1; BPU Docket No. GR22090574

Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:2-2-21 and 48:2-21.1, New Jersey Natural Gas Company (the “Company” or “NJNG”) hereby advises you that on September 30, 2021 the Company filed a request with the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities for an increase in its Societal Benefit Charge rates. A complete copy of the Company’s filing is available for review on NJNG’s website at www.njng.com. Please be further advised that the Company hereby serves upon you the attached Notice of Public Hearings in the above referenced matter. The virtual public hearings are scheduled for January 23, 2023 at 4:30 P.M. and 5:30 P.M. with the following Log-In instructions.

Location: Zoom Virtual Meeting

Join by holding down control button and clicking on below link:

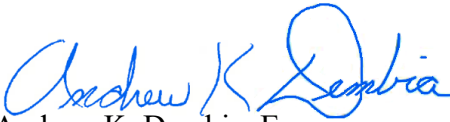
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Meeting ID: 245 813 6397

Dial-In Phone Number: 1-646-876-9923

Access Code: 819208

Respectfully,


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Regulatory Affairs Counsel

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Attachments

NOTICE TO NEW JERSEY NATURAL GAS COMPANY CUSTOMERS

NOTICE OF IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF NEW JERSEY NATURAL GAS COMPANY FOR THE ANNUAL REVIEW AND REVISION OF SOCIETAL BENEFITS CHARGE FACTORS FOR REMEDIATION YEAR 2022 AND PUBLIC HEARING BPU DOCKET NO.GR22090574

TO OUR CUSTOMERS:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on September 13, 2022, New Jersey Natural Gas Company (“NJNG” or the “Company”) filed its annual Societal Benefits Charge (“SBC”) petition with the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (“Board”) for a price adjustment for all applicable service customers. Pursuant to its filing, NJNG requested that the Board permit NJNG to increase its overall SBC rate which would include an increase to the Remediation Adjustment (“RA”) and increase to the New Jersey Clean Energy Program (“NJCEP”) factors effective April 1, 2023.

The RA rate provides recovery of actual costs incurred by NJNG for the clean-up of former manufactured gas plant sites. The NJCEP rate is designed to recover costs incurred for NJNG’s share of statewide energy efficiency and renewable energy expenditures.

If approved, the impact will result in an overall increase of approximately \$0.88 per month or approximately 0.56 percent for a typical residential heating customer using 100 therms per month. The above-referenced proposal will not result in any profit for NJNG.

If approved by the Board, the impact of the proposed changes to the RA and NJCEP factors on typical natural gas bills is illustrated below:

| Customer-Type | Therm Level (Usage) | Total Bill | | Net Dollar Increase | Percent Increase |
|----------------------------|---------------------|------------------------------------|---|---------------------|------------------|
| | | Monthly Bill as of October 1, 2022 | Proposed Monthly Bill as of April 1, 2023 | | |
| Residential Heat Sales | 100 | \$156.94 | \$157.82 | \$0.88 | 0.56% |
| Residential Non-Heat Sales | 25 | \$46.60 | \$46.82 | \$0.22 | 0.47% |
| General Service Small | 100 | \$177.37 | \$178.25 | \$0.88 | 0.50% |
| General Service Large | 1200 | \$2,008.40 | \$2,018.96 | \$10.56 | 0.53% |

The Board has the statutory authority to establish the RA and NJCEP factors at levels it finds just and reasonable. Therefore, the Board may establish the RA and NJCEP factors at levels other than those proposed by NJNG. NJNG’s SBC costs addressed in this petition will remain subject to audit by the Board, and Board approval shall not preclude or prohibit the Board from taking any such actions deemed appropriate as a result of any such audit.

PLEASE TAKE ADDITIONAL NOTICE that virtual public hearings will be conducted on the following date and times so that members of the public may present their views on the Company’s filing:

VIRTUAL PUBLIC HEARINGS

Date: January 23, 2023

Public Hearing 1: 4:30 p.m.

Public Hearing 2: 5:30 p.m.

Location: Zoom Virtual Webinar

Join: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/2458136397?pwd=VUJpK1V0aDYxZDlIZUIwaElOWDFRZz09>

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Passcode: 819208

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Members of the public may present their views on the petition during the virtual public hearings by dialing the toll-free telephone number, followed by entering the listed passcode when prompted, or by joining the Zoom Virtual Webinar.

Representatives of the Board’s Staff and the New Jersey Division of Rate Counsel will participate in the virtual public hearings. All comments will be made part of the final record of the proceeding to be considered by the Board. In order to encourage full participation in this opportunity for public comment, please submit any requests for needed accommodations, such as interpreters and/or listening assistance, 48 hours prior to the above hearings to the Acting Board Secretary at board.secretary@bpu.nj.gov.

Copies of NJNG’s September 13, 2022 filing can be reviewed on the Company’s website, www.njng.com/regulatory in the “Filings & Updates” subsection of the “Regulatory Info.”

The Board is also accepting written and/or electronic comments. While all comments will be given equal consideration and will be made part of the final record of this proceeding, the preferred method of transmittal is via the Board’s Public Document Search tool. Search for the docket number listed above, and post by utilizing the “Post Comments” button. Emailed comments may also be filed with the Acting Secretary of the Board, in pdf or Word format, to board.secretary@bpu.nj.gov.

Written comments may be submitted to the Acting Board Secretary, Carmen D. Diaz, at the Board of Public Utilities, 44 South Clinton Avenue, 1st Floor, P.O. Box 350, Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0350. All emailed or mailed comments should include the name of the Petition and the docket number.

All comments are considered “public documents” for purposes of the State’s Open Public Records Act. Commenters may identify information that they seek to keep confidential by submitting them in accordance with the confidentiality procedures set forth in N.J.A.C. 14:1-12.3.

New Jersey Natural Gas Company
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