



January 12, 2024

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 2023, Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:2-21 and 48:2-21.1; BPU Docket No. GR23090672

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 11, 2023 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 February 6, 2024 at 4:30 P.M. and 5:30 P.M. with the following Log-In instructions.

Location: Zoom Virtual Webinar

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

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/2458136397?pwd=VUJpK1V0aDYxZDIIZUIwaElOWDFRZz09>

Meeting ID: 245 813 6397

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

Access Code: 819208

Respectfully,


Andrew K. Dembia, Esq.
Regulatory Affairs Counsel

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Attachments

NOTICE TO NEW JERSEY NATURAL GAS COMPANY CUSTOMERS
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 2023

BPU Docket No. GR23090672

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on September 11, 2023, 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”) seeking a price adjustment for all applicable service customers (“Petition”). According to the Petition, NJNG requested that the Board permit NJNG to increase its overall SBC rate, which would include increases to the Remediation Adjustment (“RA”) and the New Jersey Clean Energy Program (“NJCEP”) factors effective April 1, 2024.

The RA rate provides recovery of actual costs incurred by NJNG for the environmental 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 the Board approves the requested price adjustment, the impact will result in an overall increase of approximately \$1.14 per month or 0.77 percent for a residential heating customer using 100 therms per month.

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	Monthly Usage (Therms)	Total Bill		Net Dollar Increase	Percent Increase
		Monthly Bill as of October 1, 2023	Proposed Monthly Bill as of April 1, 2024		
Residential Heat Sales	100	\$148.90	\$150.04	\$1.14	0.77%
Residential Non-Heat Sales	25	\$44.15	\$44.43	\$0.28	0.63%
General Service Small	100	\$168.99	\$170.13	\$1.14	0.67%
General Service Large	1200	\$1,631.96	\$1,645.64	\$13.68	0.84%

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 because of any such audit.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that due to the COVID 19 Pandemic, virtual public hearings will be conducted on the following date and times so that members of the public may present their views on the Petition:

VIRTUAL PUBLIC HEARINGS

Date: February 6, 2024

Hearing Times: 4:30 pm and 5:30 pm

LOCATION

Zoom Virtual Webinar

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Representatives of the Company, Board’s Staff and Rate Counsel will participate in the virtual public hearings. Members of the public are invited to participate and express their views on the Petition by utilizing the Zoom Virtual Webinar link or the Dial-In Number set forth above. All comments will become part of the final record in this proceeding to be considered by the Board. In order to encourage full participation in this opportunity for public comment, please submit any requests for accommodations, such as interpreters, or listening assistance, 48 hours prior to the above hearing to the Board Secretary at board.secretary@bpu.nj.gov.

The Board is also accepting written and electronic comments. Comments may be submitted directly to the specific docket number listed above using the “Post Comments” button on the Board’s Public Document Search tool at <https://publicaccess.bpu.state.nj.us/>. Comments are considered public documents for purposes of the State’s Open Public Records Act. Only documents that are intended to be public should be submitted using the “Post Comments” button on the Board’s Public Document Search tool. Any confidential information should be submitted in accordance with the procedures set forth in N.J.A.C. 14:1-12.3. In addition to hard copy submissions, confidential information may also be filed electronically via the Board’s e-filing system or by email to the Secretary of the Board, Sherri L. Golden. Please include “Confidential Information” in the subject line of any email. Instructions for confidential e-filing are found on the Board’s webpage at <https://www.nj.gov/bpu/agenda/efiling/>.

Emailed and/or written comments may also be submitted to:

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