

**NOTICE OF FILING OF PETITION
AND OF PUBLIC HEARING**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF SOUTH JERSEY GAS COMPANY TO
CHANGE THE LEVEL OF ITS SOCIETAL BENEFITS CLAUSE (“SBC”) AND ITS
TRANSPORTATION INITIATION CLAUSE (“TIC”)
BPU DOCKET NO. GR16080728**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on July 29, 2016, South Jersey Gas Company (“South Jersey” or “Company”), pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:2-21 and other statutes and regulations, filed a Petition with the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (“Board”) for approval to increase the level of its Societal Benefits Clause (“SBC”) through an increase of its Remediation Adjustment Clause (“RAC”) charge, an increase of its Clean Energy Program (“CLEP”) charge and to increase its Transportation Initiation Clause (“TIC”) charge.

The RAC recovers costs associated with remediating former manufactured gas plant sites, while the CLEP recovers costs associated with energy efficiency and renewable energy programs. The TIC recovers capital expenditures and operating costs, including consulting and transaction costs, associated with Electronic Data Interchange implementation. The SBC and TIC provide no profit to the Company. These clauses allow the Company to pass through to its customers only the costs incurred to conduct the related mandated programs.

The rates proposed by South Jersey in this Petition would result in the following bill impacts for a typical residential heating customer using 100 therms of gas during a winter month.

	<u>RAC</u>	<u>CLEP</u>	<u>TIC</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Current Rate	\$0.010477	\$0.012723	(\$0.001009)	\$0.022191
Proposed Rate	<u>\$0.029166</u>	<u>\$0.020110</u>	<u>(\$0.000411)</u>	<u>\$0.048865</u>
Rate (Decrease)/Increase	<u>\$0.018689</u>	<u>\$0.007387</u>	<u>\$0.000598</u>	<u>\$0.026674</u>
Dollar (Decrease)/Increase	\$1.87	\$0.74	\$0.06	\$2.67
Percentage (Decrease)/Increase	1.56%	0.62%	0.05%	2.23%

If these rate changes are approved, the overall bill impact would be a monthly increase of \$2.67 to a typical residential heating customer using 100 therms in a winter month, or 2.23%.

Any relief determined by the Board to be just and reasonable may be allocated by the Board to establish the SBC and the TIC at levels other than those proposed by South Jersey Gas Company.

Copies of the Company's filing are available for inspection at the Company's offices located at One South Jersey Plaza, Folsom, New Jersey 08037, or at the Board of Public Utilities, 44 South Clinton Avenue, 3rd Floor, Suite 314, P.O. Box 350, Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0350. The Company's filing can also be viewed on the Company's website at www.southjerseygas.com/for-my-home/current-regulatory-filings.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Board has scheduled public hearings on the Petition at the following date, time and place:

February 23, 2017
at 4:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.
Voorhees Township, Municipal Court
2400 Voorhees Town Center
Voorhees, New Jersey 08043
(located directly across from Township Library at 203 Laurel Road)

The public is invited to attend and interested persons will be permitted to testify and/or make a statement of their views on the proposed changes. In order to encourage full participation in this opportunity for public comment, please submit any requests for needed accommodations, including interpreter, listening devices or mobility assistance, 48 hours prior to this hearing. In addition, members of the public may submit written comments concerning the petition to the Board regardless of whether they attend a hearing by addressing them to: Irene Kim Asbury, Secretary, Board of Public Utilities, 44 South Clinton Avenue, 3rd Floor, Suite 314, P.O. Box 350, Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0350.

**SOUTH JERSEY GAS COMPANY
By: David Robbins, Jr., President**