

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

**IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF SOUTH JERSEY GAS COMPANY TO RE-
VISE THE LEVELS OF ITS SOCIETAL BENEFITS CLAUSE (“SBC”) CHARGES AND
ITS TRANSPORTATION INITIATION CLAUSE (“TIC”) CHARGE
B.P.U. DOCKET NO. GR18070832**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on July 31, 2018, South Jersey Gas Company (“South Jersey” or “Company”) filed a petition, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:2-21, with the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (“Board”) seeking Board approval to decrease the overall level of its Societal Benefits Clause (“SBC”) through an increase to its Remediation Adjustment Clause (“RAC”) charge and a decrease to its Clean Energy Program (“CLEP”) charge (both components of the SBC), as well as through an increase to 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 one-hundred (100) therms of gas during a winter month:

	<u>RAC</u>	<u>CLEP</u>	<u>TIC</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Current Rate	\$0.034639	\$0.030150	\$0.001574	\$0.066363
Proposed Rate	<u>\$0.035278</u>	<u>\$0.025203</u>	<u>\$0.002066</u>	<u>\$0.062547</u>
Rate (Decrease)/Increase	<u>\$0.000639</u>	<u>(\$0.004947)</u>	<u>\$0.000492</u>	<u>(\$0.003816)</u>
Dollar (Decrease)/Increase	\$0.06	(\$0.49)	\$0.05	(\$0.37)
Percentage (Decrease)/Increase	0.05%	(0.33)%	0.03%	(0.25)%

If these rate changes are approved, the overall bill impact would be a monthly decrease of \$0.37, or 0.25%, to a typical residential heating customer using one-hundred (100) therms in a winter month.

Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:3-1, any relief determined by the Board to be just and reasonable may be allocated to customers in such manner, and in such amounts or percentages, as the Board may deem appropriate. The Board may authorize an increase on any customer class or group or may

exclude from an increase, any customer class or group, varying the percentage increase applicable. Therefore, the Board may establish the SBC at levels other than those proposed by South Jersey.

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, 7th Floor, Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0350. The Company's filing may also be found on the South Jersey Gas Website at www.southjerseygas.com/About-South-Jersey-Gas/Regulatory-Compliance-Tariff-Information.aspx

NOTICE is further given that public hearings have been scheduled at the following date, times, and place on the Company's above-mentioned requests:

**January 16, 2019 at 4:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.
Voorhees Township, Municipal Court
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 make a statement of their views on the proposed increases/decreases. 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, forty-eight (48) hours prior to this hearing. Written requests and public comments may be submitted to the Board to: Aida Camacho-Welch, Secretary, Board of Public Utilities, 44 S. Clinton Avenue, 3rd Floor, Suite 314, P.O. Box 350, Trenton, NJ 08625-0350.

**SOUTH JERSEY GAS COMPANY
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