

**SOUTH JERSEY GAS COMPANY
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF SOUTH JERSEY GAS COMPANY FOR
APPROVAL TO REVISE THE LEVELS OF ITS SOCIETAL BENEFITS CLAUSE
("SBC") CHARGES AND ITS TRANSPORTATION INITIATION CLAUSE ("TIC")
CHARGE**

**Notice of a Filing and Notice of Public Hearings
BPU DOCKET NO. GR22070467**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on July 29, 2022, South Jersey Gas Company ("South Jersey" or "Company") filed a petition with the Board of Public Utilities ("Board" or "BPU") requesting an increase in the overall level of its Societal Benefits Clause ("SBC") charges 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 an increase to its Transportation Initiation Clause ("TIC") charge. ("Petition")

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 the Electronic Data Interchange. The SBC and TIC provide no profit to the Company. These clauses allow the Company to pass through only the costs incurred to conduct the related mandated programs to its customers.

Set forth below are the current versus proposed rates, all of which are inclusive of New Jersey Sales and Use Taxes, that will permit customers to determine the effect of the proposed increased rates. Any assistance required by customers in understanding these rates will be furnished by the Company upon request.

If approved, the proposed rate increase on the monthly bill of a typical residential heating customer using 100 therms during a winter month is an overall increase of \$0.48, or approximately 0.24%, from \$200.64 to \$201.12.

	<u>RAC</u>	<u>CLEP</u>	<u>TIC</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Current Rate	\$0.047912	\$0.032899	(\$0.000055)	\$0.080756
Proposed Rate	<u>\$0.054031</u>	<u>\$0.031280</u>	<u>\$0.000244</u>	<u>\$0.085555</u>
Rate (Decrease)/Increase	<u>\$0.006119</u>	<u>(\$0.001619)</u>	<u>\$0.000299</u>	<u>\$0.004799</u>
Dollar (Decrease)/Increase	\$0.61	(\$0.16)	\$0.03	\$0.48
Percentage (Decrease)/Increase	0.30%	(0.08)%	0.02%	0.24%

The Board has the statutory authority to establish South Jersey's rates at levels it finds just and reasonable as well as to establish the effective date of such rates. Therefore, the Board may establish the rates at levels and/or an effective date other than those proposed by South Jersey. South Jersey's costs addressed in the 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. Any assistance required by customers in ascertaining the impact of the proposed rate increase will be provided by the Company upon request.

A copy of South Jersey's Petition can be reviewed on the Company's website at www.southjerseygas.com under "Regulatory Information". The Petition is also available to review online through the Board's website, <https://publicaccess.bpu.state.nj.us>, where you can search by the above-captioned docket number. The Petition and Board file may also be reviewed at the Board located at 44 South Clinton Avenue, 1st Floor, Trenton, New Jersey, with an appointment. To make an appointment, please call (609) 913-6298.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, virtual public hearings are scheduled for the following date and times so that members of the public may present their views on the Petition:

Date: January 11, 2023

Hearing Times: 4:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.

Members of the public may present their views on the Petition during the virtual public hearings by dialing the toll-free telephone number listed below followed by entering the listed Conference ID when prompted, or by joining the virtual Microsoft Teams meeting listed below:

Microsoft Teams Meeting ID: 246 120 414 480
Passcode: tPZBCs

(Access the Microsoft Teams App or Microsoft Teams on the web. On the left side of the screen, click the "Teams" icon. Select "Join or 'create a team'". Press "Join" and enter the Meeting ID and Passcode when prompted.)

or

Dial In: 1-866-984-3164
Conference ID: 267 719 357 **followed by #**

A copy of this Notice of Filing and Public Hearings in this matter is being served upon the clerk, executive or administrator of each municipality and county within the Company's service territory.

Representatives of the Company, Board Staff and the New Jersey Division of Rate Counsel will participate in the virtual public hearing. Members of the public are invited to participate by utilizing the Meeting ID or the dial-in number set forth above and may express their views on this Petition. 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, or listening assistance, 48 hours prior to the above hearing to the Acting Board Secretary at board.secretary@bpu.nj.gov.

The Board will also accept written and/or electronic comments. While all comments will be given equal consideration and will be made part of the final record in this proceeding, the preferred method of transmittal is via the Board's Public Document Search tool, <https://publicaccess.bpu.state.nj.us/>. Search for the docket number listed above, and post by utilizing the "Post Comments" button. Emailed comments may also be filed with the Acting Board Secretary, 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.

South Jersey Gas Company
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