

NOTICE TO SOUTH JERSEY GAS COMPANY CUSTOMERS

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF SOUTH JERSEY GAS COMPANY FOR APPROVAL OF INCREASED BASE TARIFF RATES AND CHARGES FOR GAS SERVICE, CHANGES TO DEPRECIATION RATES AND OTHER TARIFF REVISIONS

**OAL Docket No. PUC 00219-2026 S
BPU Docket No. GR25110627**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that, on November 25, 2025, South Jersey Gas Company (“South Jersey” or “Company”) filed a petition with the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (“Board” or “BPU”) requesting an increase in the Company’s base rate charges for natural gas service (“Petition”). By the Petition, South Jersey stated that the requested rate increase is necessary to support the Company’s ability to continue to operate and maintain its natural gas distribution system in a safe, adequate and proper manner. The Company also proposed to modify its existing depreciation rates and proposed that the requested changes in its depreciation rates be approved for implementation simultaneously with the effective date of the proposed new natural gas rates. The Company also requests authorization to defer certain costs that are not reflected in the Company’s base rate case request for recovery in future proceedings.

South Jersey proposed that these changes become effective December 26, 2025, or such other later date as the Board may determine. The base rates proposed in the Petition would increase annual revenues by approximately \$74.71 million or 9.6%. The impact of this request, on the average residential heating customer using 100 therms per month, if approved, would be a \$17.52 increase in the customer’s monthly bill, or approximately 8.6% as compared to rates in effect on February 1, 2026. According to the Company, the proposed increase is predominantly the result of capital expenditures made or to be made related to system improvements and reliability since its last base rate case.

The effect of the proposed rate changes on the typical residential, general service small and general service large volume monthly bill for natural gas service is estimated as shown in the table below. The estimated bills shown below are based upon current South Jersey delivery rates and the applicable Basic Gas Supply Service charges and assume that customers receive commodity service from South Jersey. Any assistance required by customers in understanding their bills will be furnished by the Company upon request.

Customer Type	Therm Level (Usage)	Total Bill		Bill Impact	% Impact
		Current Monthly Bill 2/1/26	Monthly Bill with Proposed Rate Increase		
Residential Heat	100	\$204.12	\$221.64	\$17.52	8.6%
Residential Non-Heat	15	\$41.05	\$46.53	\$5.48	13.3%
General Service	500	\$889.43	\$960.71	\$71.28	8.0%
General Service – Large Volume	15,646	\$30,360.61	\$31,707.26	\$1346.65	4.4%

Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:2.21, the Board may set these rates at levels it finds just and reasonable and establish the effective date of such rates. Therefore, the Board may establish these rates at levels and/or an effective date other than those proposed by South Jersey.

Copies of the Petition can be reviewed on the Company’s website, 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 case file may also be reviewed at the Board located at 44 South Clinton Avenue, 1st Floor, Trenton, NJ, with an appointment. To make an appointment, please call (609) 913-6298.

A copy of this Notice is being served upon the clerk, executive or administrator of each municipality and county within the Company’s service territory.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER 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 Petition:

Date: April 15, 2026

Times: 4:30pm and 5:30pm

Location: Zoom Virtual Webinar

Join: <https://oal-nj-gov.zoomgov.com/j/1603773836?pwd=ddz7HxdvoTUMq6aaD6PLzpYAzbSCco.1>

Dial-in Number: 551-285-1373

Meeting ID: 160 377 3836

Passcode: 788375

An Administrative Law Judge (“ALJ”) from the Office of Administrative Law (“OAL”) will preside over the public hearings. Members of the public are invited to attend and express their views on the proposed rate increase. Such comments will be made a part of the final record in the proceeding. Whether or not you attend the public hearings, written comments may be submitted to Hon. Jacob S. Gertsman, ALJ, Office of Administrative Law, P.O. Box 049, Trenton, NJ 08625-0049. Please include OAL Docket No. PUC 00219-2026 S and BPU Docket No. GR25110627 in your comment letter. Written and emailed comments will be provided the same weight as statements made at the hearings.

Representatives of the Company, the Board’s Staff and the New Jersey Division of Rate Counsel will participate in the virtual public hearings.

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 the Petition. All comments will be made part of the final record of the proceeding to be considered by the Board. To encourage full participation in this opportunity for public comment, please submit any requests for needed accommodations, such as interpreters, or listening assistance, forty-eight (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 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 public documents 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. 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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