

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

**IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF SOUTH JERSEY GAS COMPANY TO
REVISE THE LEVELS OF ITS SOCIETAL BENEFITS CLAUSE (“SBC”) CHARGES
AND ITS TRANSPORTATION INITIATION CLAUSE (“TIC”) CHARGE
B.P.U. DOCKET NO. GR19070874**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on July 31, 2019, South Jersey Gas Company (“South Jersey,” “Petitioner,” or “Company”) filed a petition (“Petition”), pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:2-21, with the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (“Board”) seeking Board approval to increase 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 a decrease 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 the 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	\$0.035278	\$0.025203	\$0.002066	\$0.062547
Proposed Rate	<u>\$0.048815</u>	<u>\$0.019265</u>	<u>\$0.001321</u>	<u>\$0.069401</u>
Rate (Decrease)/Increase	<u>\$0.013537</u>	<u>(\$0.005938)</u>	<u>(\$0.000745)</u>	<u>\$0.006854</u>
Dollar (Decrease)/Increase	\$1.36	(\$0.59)	(\$0.07)	\$0.69
Percentage (Decrease)/Increase	0.96%	(0.41)%	(0.05)%	0.49%

If these rate changes are approved, the overall bill would increase from \$142.27 to \$142.96, a monthly increase of \$0.69, or 0.49%, 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 Petition are available for inspection at the Company's offices located at One South Jersey Place, Atlantic City, New Jersey 08401, and at the Board offices located at 44 South Clinton Avenue, 2nd Floor, Trenton, NJ 08625-0350. The Petition may also be found on the South Jersey Gas Website at www.southjerseygas.com/About-South-Jersey-Gas/Regulatory-Compliance-Tariff-Information.aspx. Any member of the public who wants to inspect the Petition at the Board may contact the Board's Division of Case Management at (609) 292-0806 to schedule an appointment.

NOTICE is further given that public hearings have been scheduled at the following date, times, and place so that members of the public may present their views on the Petition:

November 19, 2019 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 make a statement of their views on the proposed increases/decreases. Information provided at the public hearings will become part of the record and be considered by the Board in making its decision. In order to encourage full participation in this opportunity for public comment, please submit any requests for needed accommodations, including an interpreter, listening devices or mobility assistance to the Board Secretary forty-eight (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 the comments to Aida Camacho-Welch, Secretary, Board of Public Utilities, 44 S. Clinton Avenue, 9th Floor, P.O. Box 350, Trenton, NJ 08625-0350 or by email to board.secretary@bpu.nj.gov. Written comments should reference the name of the Petition and the above docket number in the subject line. Written comments will be provided the same weight as statements made at the hearings. Hearings will continue, if necessary, on such additional dates and at such locations as the Board may designate, to ensure all interested persons are heard.

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