

NOTICE OF FILING AND PUBLIC NOTICE

**IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF SOUTH JERSEY GAS COMPANY FOR
APPROVAL TO REVISE THE RIDER “H” RATE ASSOCIATED WITH THE TAX CUTS AND
JOBS ACT OF 2017**

BPU DOCKET NO. GR21060880

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on June 1, 2021, South Jersey Gas Company (“South Jersey” or “Company”) filed a petition with the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (“Board” or “BPU”) in BPU Docket No. GR21060880 seeking approval to increase its Rider “H” rate (“Petition”). Rider “H” was initially established on October 1, 2018 by way of Board Order issued on September 17, 2018 in Docket Nos. AX18010001 and GR18030230 and is designed to refund the Company’s excess deferred income taxes resulting from the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017.

The Company proposes to reduce its Rider “H” credit rate to \$0.022930 per therm, including taxes, in order to refund a total amount of approximately \$11.6 million for the period October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2022. The proposed Rider “H” credit rate would be applicable to all customer classes identified in Rider “H” to the Company’s Tariff. The impact of this reduction to the bill of a typical residential heating customer using 100 therms of natural gas in a winter month is an increase of \$0.82 or 0.5%, with a proposed effective date of October 1, 2021.

If the proposed reduction in credit rate is approved by the Board, the bill impacts on typical Residential and General Service customers estimated to be as follows:

Residential Service (RSG)

Therm Level	Bill as of July 1, 2021⁽¹⁾	Bill as of October 1, 2021⁽²⁾	Dollar Increase	Percent Increase
25	\$45.38	\$45.59	\$0.21	0.5%
50	\$80.27	\$80.68	\$0.41	0.5%
100	\$150.04	150.86	\$0.82	0.5%

General Service (GSG) (Using less than 5,000 therms per year)

Therm Level	Bill as of July 1, 2021⁽¹⁾	Bill as of October 1, 2021⁽²⁾	Dollar Increase	Percent Increase
250	\$337.16	\$339.23	\$2.07	0.6 %
500	\$637.27	\$641.40	\$4.13	0.6%
1,000	\$1,237.49	\$1,245.75	\$8.26	0.7%

(1) Based upon current Delivery Rates and Basic Gas Supply Service (“BGSS”) charges in effect July 1, 2021 and assumes that the customer receives BGSS service from South Jersey.

(2) Same as (1) except includes change in Rider “H” rate.

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 BPU may establish the rates at levels and/or an effective date other than those proposed by South Jersey.

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 the Notice of Filing and Public Hearings on the Petition is being served upon the clerk, executive, or administrator of each municipality and county within the Company's service territory. The Petition and this Notice have also been sent to the New Jersey Division of Rate Counsel ("Rate Counsel"), who will represent the interests of all South Jersey customers in this proceeding. Copies of the Petition are available online at www.southjerseygas.com/About-South-Jersey-Gas/Regulatory-Compliance-Tariff-Information.aspx.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, a telephonic public hearing will be conducted on the following day and times so that members of the public may present their views on the Company's Petition.

Date August 12, 2021

Public Hearing Times: 4:30 m and 5:30 pm

Dial In: 1 866 984 3164

Conference ID: 692 771 700 followed by #

Representatives of the Company, Board Staff and Rate Counsel will participate in the telephonic public hearing. Members of the public are invited to participate by utilizing the Dial-In and Conference ID set forth above, and may express their views on this filing. Such comments will be made part of the final record of the proceeding to be considered by the Board.

The Board will also accept written and/or emailed comments with the preferred method of transmittal being email or the portal to ensure timely receipt while the Board continues to work remotely due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. Emailed comments may be filed with the Secretary of the Board, in PDF or Word format to: board.secretary@bpu.nj.gov or through the Board's External Access Portal after obtaining a MyNewJersey Portal ID. Once an account is established, you will need an authorization code, which can be obtained upon request by emailing the Board's IT Helpdesk at ITHELPDESK@bpu.nj.gov. Detailed instructions for e-filing can be found on the Board's homepage at <https://www.nj.gov/bpu/agenda/efiling>.

Written comments may be submitted to the Board Secretary, Aida Camacho-Welch, at the Board of Public Utilities, 44 South Clinton Avenue, P.O. Box 350, Trenton, NJ 08625-0350. All comments should include the name of the petition and the docket number.

SOUTH JERSEY GAS COMPANY

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