

NOTICE OF FILING AND PUBLIC HEARINGS

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF SOUTH JERSEY GAS COMPANY FOR APPROVAL OF A RATE ADJUSTMENT PURSUANT TO THE INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT PROGRAM (“IIP”)

BPU Docket No. GR26040173

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on April 30, 2026, and as updated on July 15, 2026, South Jersey Gas Company (“South Jersey” or “Company”) filed a petition with the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (“Board”) seeking approval to increase rates associated with the Company’s Infrastructure Investment Program (“IIP”) (“Petition”). The Board approved the IIP and the associated cost recovery mechanism on June 8, 2022 in Docket No. GR20110726 (“IIP Order”). The IIP Order authorized the Company to invest up to \$200 million over a five (5)-year period from July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2027, to replace up to 250 miles of pre-code coated steel and pre-1971 vintage Aldyl-A plastic mains and related services, as well as the installation of excess flow valves on new service lines (“IIP Projects”). The IIP Order also authorized the Company to make annual filings with the Board to recover the costs associated with the in-service IIP Projects and to earn a return on and a return of those investments through annual adjustments to rates. By the Petition, the Company seeks Board approval to recover \$4.4 million of revenue requirements, excluding sales and use tax (“SUT”), associated with approximately \$41.9 million of IIP Projects placed in-service from July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026, with rates proposed to become effective October 1, 2026.

If the proposed rate increase is approved by the Board, effective October 1, 2026, the per-therm rates, inclusive of SUT, to the firm customers served under the Service Classifications listed below including certain firm, Board-approved special contract customers served under the Company's firm rate classes, if applicable, would be as follows:

		Current Rates per <u>Therm</u>	Proposed Rates per <u>Therm</u>	Change per <u>Therm</u>
RSG	Residential	\$0.034335	\$0.046104	\$0.011769
GSG	General Service	\$0.027366	\$0.036746	\$0.009380
GSG-LV	General Service - Large Volume	\$0.015427	\$0.020713	\$0.005286
CTS	Comprehensive Firm Transportation Service	\$0.009543	\$0.012814	\$0.003271
LVS	Large Volume Service	\$0.004974	\$0.006678	\$0.001704
EGS	Electric Generation Service	\$0.006675	\$0.008962	\$0.002287
EGS-LV	Electric Generation Service – Large Volume	\$0.000849	\$0.001140	\$0.000291
NGV	Natural Gas Vehicles	\$0.011881	\$0.015953	\$0.004072
YLS*	Yard Lighting Service	\$0.357244	\$0.479680	\$0.122436
SLS*	Street Lighting Service	\$0.385101	\$0.517085	\$0.131984
	Firm Special Contracts	\$0.000000	\$0.000000	\$0.000000

*Represents the monthly rate per installation.

The impact of the proposed increase, as compared to rates in effect on July 1, 2026, for a residential heating customer using 100 therms would be to increase the customer's monthly bill by \$1.18 from \$203.74 to \$204.92, an increase of 0.58%.

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 determine, and establish, these rates at levels and/or an effective date other than those proposed by South Jersey.

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:

VIRTUAL PUBLIC HEARINGS

DATE: August 25, 2026

HEARING TIMES: 4:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.

Join Microsoft Teams Meeting

Press Ctrl key + Click on this link:

<https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/218696272376643?p=7mpRorA7NTzAix3dzF>

Select 'Join Now' to enter the meeting. If prompted, enter the following Meeting ID, Passcode and your name.

Meeting ID: 218 696 272 376 643

Passcode: 5Lr27SQ3

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Join by Phone

Dial In: 866-984-3164

When prompted, enter Conference ID: 316 393 158 followed by the # sign to access the meeting.

A copy of this Notice of Filing and Public Hearings is being served upon the clerk, executive or administrator of each municipality and county within the Company's service territory. The Petition is available to review online at the Company's website at <https://www.southjerseygas.com/about-us/regulatory> or on the Board's website at <https://publicaccess.bpu.state.nj.us>, by searching with the above-captioned docket number. The Petition and Board file may be reviewed at the Board located at 44 South Clinton Avenue, Trenton, NJ, with an appointment. To make an appointment, please call (609) 913-6298.

Representatives of the Company, Board 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 Microsoft Teams Meeting Link or the Dial-In Number and Conference ID set forth above to express their views on the Petition. All comments will become part of the final record in this proceeding to be considered by the Board. To encourage full participation in this opportunity for public comment, please submit any requests for 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 number 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 documents that are intended to be public 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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