NOTICE OF FILING OF PETITION AND OF PUBLIC HEARING

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF SOUTH JERSEY GAS COMPANY FOR APPROVAL TO REVISE THE COST RECOVERY CHARGE ASSOCIATED WITH ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAMS ("EET CHARGE") BPU DOCKET NO. GR19060726

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, on June 17, 2019, pursuant to <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 48:3-98.1, South Jersey Gas Company ("South Jersey" or "Company") filed a Petition with the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities ("Board") seeking approval to increase its Energy Efficiency Tracker ("EET") and to continue to recover all costs associated with its Energy Efficiency Programs ("EEPs"). The EEPs will provide participating customers with increased incentives to reduce their natural gas consumption.

South Jersey proposes to recover the costs of its EEPs through its EET which will operate in a manner consistent with the existing Board-approved mechanism. The proposed EET charge would be applied to all customer classes. If approved by the Board, the impact of the proposed changes in the EET Charge on typical Residential Heating and those General Service customers using less than 5,000 therms per year would be:

| | Bill as of | Bill as of | Dollar | Percent |
|-------------|------------------|---------------------|----------|----------|
| Therm Level | June 1, 2019 (1) | October 1, 2019 (2) | Increase | Increase |
| 25 | \$43.93 | \$43.99 | \$0.06 | 0.1% |
| 100 | \$145.32 | \$145.56 | \$0.24 | 0.2% |
| 200 | \$280.50 | \$280.98 | \$0.48 | 0.2% |

Residential Heating Service (RSG)

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

| | Bill as of | Bill as of | Dollar | Percent |
|-------------|------------------|---------------------|----------|----------|
| Therm Level | June 1, 2019 (1) | October 1, 2019 (2) | Increase | Increase |
| 500 | \$648.37 | \$649.58 | \$1.21 | 0.2% |
| 1,000 | \$1,264.78 | \$1,267.20 | \$2.42 | 0.2% |
| 2,000 | \$2,497.60 | \$2,502.43 | \$4.83 | 0.2% |

- (1) Based upon current Delivery Rates and Basic Gas Supply Service (BGSS) charges in effect May 15, 2019 and assumes that the customer receives BGSS service from South Jersey.
- (2) Same as (1) except includes change in EET charge.

Pursuant to <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 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 increase any customer class or group, varying the percentage increase applicable. Therefore, the Board may authorize and approve an EET charge at an amount different than the amount proposed by South Jersey.

Copies of the Company's filing can be reviewed either at the Company offices located at One South Jersey Place, Atlantic City, New Jersey 08401 or on the South Jersey website at https://www.southjerseygas.com/About-South-Jersey-Gas/Regulatory-Compliance-Tariff-

<u>Information.aspx</u>, or at the Board offices located at 44 South Clinton Avenue, 2nd Floor, Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0350. Any members 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 are scheduled on the following date, times, and place on the Company's above mentioned requests:

August 20, 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 make a statement of their views on the proposed rate increases. Such comments will be made a part of the final record. In order to encourage full participation in this opportunity for public comment, please submit any requests for needed accommodations, including interpreter, listening devices or mobility assistance, forty-eight (48) hours prior to this hearing. Regardless of whether they attend the hearing, members of the public may submit written comments concerning the petition to the Board by addressing them to: Aida Camacho-Welch, Secretary, New Jersey Board of Public Utilities, 44 South Clinton Avenue, 3rd Floor, Suite 314, P.O. Box 350, Trenton, NJ 08625-0350 or by email to board.secretary@bpu.nj.gov.

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