

NOTICE OF FILING AND PUBLIC NOTICE

**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**

BPU DOCKET NO. GR21071016

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on July 30, 2021, South Jersey Gas Company (“South Jersey,” or “Company”) filed a Petition, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:2-21, with the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (“Board” or “BPU”) seeking Board approval to increase the overall level of its Societal Benefits Clause (“SBC”) through a decrease to its Remediation Adjustment Clause (“RAC”) charge and an increase to its Clean Energy Program (“CLEP”) charge (both components of the SBC), as well as a decrease to its Transportation Initiation Clause (“TIC”) charge (“Petition”).

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 as compared to rates in effect on November 1, 2021:

	<u>RAC</u>	<u>CLEP</u>	<u>TIC</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Current Rate	\$0.050626	\$0.028475	\$0.000369	\$0.079470
Proposed Rate	<u>\$0.048093</u>	<u>\$0.032984</u>	<u>(\$0.000051)</u>	<u>\$0.081026</u>
Rate (Decrease)/Increase	<u>(\$0.002533)</u>	<u>\$0.004509</u>	<u>(\$0.000420)</u>	<u>\$0.001556</u>
Dollar (Decrease)/Increase	(\$0.26)	\$0.45	(\$0.04)	\$0.15
Percentage (Decrease)/Increase	(0.17)%	0.30%	(0.03)%	0.10%

If these rate changes are approved, the overall bill impact to a typical residential heating customer using one hundred (100) therms in a winter month would increase from \$151.41 to \$151.56, an increase of \$0.15 or 0.10%.

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 Rate Counsel, who will represent South Jersey ratepayers 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: December 7, 2021

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

Dial In: 1 866 984 3164

Conference ID: 368 987 718 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 Petition. All comments will be made part of the final record of the proceeding and will be considered by the Board. In order to encourage full participation in this opportunity for public comment, please submit any requests for needed accommodations, such as interpreters or listening assistance, 48 hours prior to the above hearings to the Board Secretary at board.secretary@bpu.nj.gov.

The Board will also accept electronic and/or written comments. While all comments will be given equal consideration and will be made part of the final record of this proceeding, the preferred method of transmittal is via the Board's Document Search tool. Search for the docket number provided above, and post comments by utilizing the "Post Comments" button. Emailed comments may also be filed with the Secretary of the Board, in pdf or Word format, to board.secretary@bpu.nj.gov.

Written comments may be submitted to the Board Secretary, Aida Camacho-Welch, at the Board of Public Utilities, 44 South Clinton Avenue, 1st floor, P.O. Box 350, Trenton, NJ 08625-0350. All emailed or mailed comments should include the name of the Petition and the docket number.

All comments are considered "public documents" for purposes of the State's Open Public Records Act. Commenters may identify information that they seek to keep confidential by submitting them in accordance with the confidentiality procedures set forth in N.J.A.C. 14:1-12.3.

SOUTH JERSEY GAS COMPANY
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