

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. GR25040221

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on April 30, 2025, and as updated on July 15, 2025, 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 IIP (“Petition”). By Order dated June 8, 2022, in Docket No. GR20110726, the Board approved the IIP and the associated cost recovery mechanism (“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 of, those investments through annual adjustments to rates. By the Petition, South Jersey seeks Board approval to recover approximately \$4.2 million of revenue requirements, excluding Sales and Use Tax (“SUT”) associated with approximately \$40.0 million of IIP Projects placed in-service from July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025, with a proposed rate effective date of October 1, 2025. IIP Projects are intended to enhance distribution safety and reliability to the benefit of South Jersey’s customers. The Company also believes that the IIP supports the environment and facilitates economic development and employment in New Jersey.

If the proposed rate increase is approved by the Board, to be made effective October 1, 2025, 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	\$0.022918	\$0.034335	\$0.011417
GSG	General Service	\$0.018266	\$0.027366	\$0.009100
GSG-LV	General Service - Large Volume	\$0.010297	\$0.015427	\$0.005130
CTS	Comprehensive Firm Transportation Service	\$0.006370	\$0.009543	\$0.003173
LVS	Large Volume Service	\$0.003319	\$0.004974	\$0.001655
EGS	Electric Generation Service	\$0.004455	\$0.006675	\$0.002220
EGS-LV	Electric Generation Service – Large Volume	\$0.000567	\$0.000849	\$0.000282
NGV	Natural Gas Vehicles	\$0.007931	\$0.011881	\$0.003950
YLS*	Yard Lighting Service	\$0.238448	\$0.357244	\$0.118796
SLS*	Street Lighting Service	\$0.257041	\$0.385101	\$0.128060
	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, 2025, for a residential customer using 100 therms, is to increase the customer's monthly bill by \$1.14 from \$187.32 to \$188.46, an increase of approximately 0.61%.

The Board has the statutory authority, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:2-21, 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 Board may establish a Rider "B" rate at a level and/or an effective date other than those proposed by South Jersey. South Jersey's costs, including those addressed in the Petition, will remain subject to audit by the Board, and Board approval shall not preclude or prohibit the Board from taking any such actions deemed appropriate as a result of any such audit.

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 Petition can be reviewed on the Company's website at www.southjerseygas.com under Regulatory Information. The Petition is also available to review online through the Board's website, <https://publicaccess.bpu.state.nj.us>. The Petition and Board's file may also be reviewed at the Board located at 44 South Clinton Avenue, 1st Floor, Trenton, New Jersey, with an appointment. To make an appointment, please call (609) 913-6298.

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 Company's Petition:

VIRTUAL PUBLIC HEARINGS

Date: August 27, 2025

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

Location: Microsoft Teams Meeting

Press Ctrl key + Click on this link:

https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_ZDMYOWY5NGItZDM0OS00NDEyLWI4YjltMmZmNmYxNjY4YjNm%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%22255ab659-24e8-4d0f-b0df-7db78e5506bc%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%228d6f1306-d419-45d5-88bf-f69290a7e055%22%7d

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

Meeting ID: 233 322 480 914 7

Passcode: xU62gr29

(Access the Microsoft Teams App or Microsoft Teams on the web. On the left side of the screen, click the "Teams" icon. Select "Join or 'create a team'". Press "Join" and enter the Meeting ID and Passcode when prompted.)

-or-

Dial-In: 866-984-3163

When prompted, enter Conference ID: 869 340 703#, followed by the # sign

A copy of this Notice of Filing and Public Hearings in this matter is being served upon the clerk, executive or administrator of each municipality and county within the Company's service territory.

Representatives from the Company, Board Staff, and of 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 Meeting ID or Dial-In Number set forth above and may express their views on this Petition. All comments will become part of the final record 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, 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. 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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