

**PIVOTAL UTILITY HOLDINGS, INC. D/B/A ELIZABETHTOWN GAS
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS**

TO OUR CUSTOMERS:

On May 31, 2017, Pivotal Utility Holdings, Inc. d/b/a Elizabethtown Gas ("Company" or "Elizabethtown"), filed a petition with the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities ("BPU" or "Board") in Docket No. GR17060590 to review its Periodic Basic Gas Supply Service ("BGSS-P") rate. The Company has petitioned the BPU to increase its current BGSS-P rate from \$0.3757 per therm to \$0.4592 per therm, inclusive of applicable taxes, an increase of \$0.0835 per therm or 9.5% to the typical residential customer using 100 therms based on rates in effect August 1, 2017.

The proposed rates are subject to BPU approval and may be higher or lower depending on the Board's final determination and the date on which such rates are made effective. The overall percentage change in the affected rate schedule is as follows:

<u>Rate Schedule</u>	<u>Percentage Change</u>
Residential Service	9.5%

The effect of the Company's filing on typical residential gas bills is illustrated below:

<u>Consumption in Therms</u>	<u>Present Bill</u>	<u>Proposed Bill</u>	<u>Proposed Change</u>	<u>Percent Change</u>
10	\$16.40	\$17.23	\$0.83	5.1%
50	\$47.99	\$52.16	\$4.17	8.7%
100	\$87.47	\$95.82	\$8.35	9.5%
250	\$205.93	\$226.80	\$20.87	10.1%

These proposed rates may be subject to a self-implementing rate increase of up to 5% on December 1, 2017 and another 5% increase on February 1, 2018, upon 30 days written notice by Elizabethtown to the BPU and the Division of Rate Counsel. Should it become necessary to apply the self-implementing increase, the impact of this increase on December 1st on a typical residential customer using 100 therms per month would be an incremental increase of \$4.79, increasing the proposed bill from \$95.82 to \$100.61. Should it become necessary to apply a second self-implementing increase on February 1st, the incremental increase to a typical residential customer using 100 therms per month would be \$5.03, increasing the proposed bill from \$100.61 to \$105.64. Any assistance required by customers in ascertaining the impact of the proposed rate increase will be provided by the Company on request.

The Board has the statutory authority to establish Elizabethtown'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 Elizabethtown.

Copies of the petition are available for inspection at the Company's offices located at 520 Green Lane, Union, New Jersey, online at Elizabethtown's website: <https://www.elizabethtowngas.com/rates-and-tariff>, under regulatory information, and at the Board of Public Utilities, 44 South Clinton Avenue, 7th Floor, Trenton, New Jersey.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that public hearings have been scheduled on the above mentioned petition at the following times and places:

Wednesday, September 13, 2017
4:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.

Liberty Hall Corporate Center, 1085 Morris Avenue, Union, New Jersey 07083

Thursday, September 14, 2017
4:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.

Hunterdon County Complex, Route 12, Building #1, Flemington, New Jersey 08822

The public is invited to attend and interested persons will be permitted to make a statement of their views on the proposed rates. Information provided at the public hearings will become part of the record of this case and will be considered by the Board in making its decision. In order to encourage full participation in this opportunity for public comment, please submit requests for needed accommodations, including interpreter, listening devices and/or mobility assistance, 48 hours prior to these hearings. In addition, members of the public may submit written comments concerning the petition to the BPU regardless of whether they attend the hearing by addressing them to: Irene Asbury, Secretary, Board of Public Utilities, 44 South Clinton Avenue, 3rd Floor, Suite 314, P.O. Box 350, Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0350. Hearings will continue, if necessary, on such additional dates and at such locations as the Board or the Office of Administrative Law may designate in order to ensure that all interested persons may be heard.

**Pivotal Utility Holdings, Inc. d/b/a Elizabethtown Gas
Brian MacLean – President**