

NOTICE OF FILING AND PUBLIC HEARINGS

**IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF ELIZABETHTOWN GAS COMPANY
TO REVISE THE REMEDIATION ADJUSTMENT CLAUSE COMPONENT
OF ITS SOCIETAL BENEFITS CHARGE RATE
BPU Docket No. GR24070551**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on July 31, 2024, Elizabethtown Gas Company (“Company” or “Elizabethtown”) filed a petition with the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (“BPU” or “Board”) to adjust the Remediation Adjustment Clause (“RAC”) component of its Societal Benefits Charge (“SBC”) rate (“Petition”). The Company’s SBC rate consists of four (4) components: 1) the New Jersey Clean Energy Program (“CEP”) component which recovers the costs of statewide energy efficiency and renewable energy programs mandated by the Board; 2) the RAC, which allows the Company to recover from ratepayers the cost related to environmental remediation of former Manufactured Gas Plants; 3) the Universal Service Fund, which provides assistance to qualifying low-income customers with paying their energy bills; and (4) the Lifeline program, which provides assistance with heating costs to qualifying low-income elderly and disabled customers. In its Petition, the Company requests to increase the per therm RAC rate from \$0.0225 to \$0.0303, inclusive of applicable taxes, to be made effective October 1, 2024. A comparison of the Company’s current rate to the proposed rate is as follows:

	Current Rate	Proposed Rate
	<u>Per Therm</u>	<u>Per Therm</u>
RAC	\$0.0225	\$0.0303

If approved, the effect of the Company’s Petition on the monthly bill of a residential heating customer using 100 therms as compared to rates in effect as of October 1, 2024 is below:

	Present	Proposed	Proposed	Percent
Consumption in	Monthly Bill	Monthly Bill	Monthly Increase	Change
<u>Therms</u>	<u>October 1, 2024</u>	<u>Monthly Bill</u>	<u>Monthly Increase</u>	<u>Change</u>
100	\$145.83	\$146.61	\$0.78	0.5%

The Board has the statutory authority pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:2-21 to approve and 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 Board may establish the rates at levels and/or an effective date other than those proposed by Elizabethtown.

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: November 12, 2024

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/joinTeamsMeetingETGhearing11-12-2024>

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

Meeting ID: 230 526 537 81

Meeting Passcode: EUTcr9

-or-

Join by Phone

Dial In: 866-984-3163

When prompted, enter Conference ID: 994 384 920 followed by the # sign to access the meeting.

A copy of this Notice is being served upon the clerk, executive or administrator of each municipality and county within the Company's service territory. A copy of the Petition can be viewed on the Company's website at www.elizabethtowngas.com under Regulatory Information. The Petition is also available to review online through the Board's website, <https://publicaccess.bpu.state.nj.us/> where you can search by the above-captioned docket number. The Petition and Board file may also be reviewed at the Board's office at 44 South Clinton Avenue, 1st Floor, Trenton, New Jersey, with an appointment. To make an appointment, please call (609) 913-6298.

Representatives from 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 phone conference ID set forth above to 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 needed accommodations, such as interpreters or listening assistance, forty-eight (48) hours prior to the above hearings 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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Electronic Filing

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**Re: In the Matter of the Petition of Elizabethtown Gas Company to Revise The
Remediation Adjustment Clause Component Of Its Societal Benefits Charge Rate
BPU Docket No. _____**

Dear Secretary Golden:

Enclosed herewith is Elizabethtown Gas Company's Petition to Revise the Remediation Adjustment Clause Component Of Its Societal Benefits Charge Rate, which has been filed electronically today utilizing the Board's e-filing Program. In accordance with the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities ("BPU") March 19, 2020 and June 10, 2020 Orders issued in BPU Docket No. EO20030254, hard copies are not being submitted at this time, but can be provided at a later time, if needed.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions you may have. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dominick DiRocco".

Dominick DiRocco

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Enclosures

cc: Service list (electronically)