

**NOTICE OF FILING OF PETITION
AND OF PUBLIC HEARING**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF SOUTH JERSEY GAS COMPANY
FOR APPROVAL OF AN INCREASE TO THE COST RECOVERY CHARGE ASSOCIATED
WITH ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAMS (“EET CHARGE”)
B.P.U. DOCKET NO. GR17060673**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, on June 23, 2017, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:3-98.1, South Jersey Gas Company (South Jersey or the Company) filed a Petition with the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (the Board) seeking Board approval to increase its Energy Efficiency Tracker (EET) charge by October 1, 2017 and to continue to recover costs associated with its Energy Efficiency Programs (EEPs). South Jersey is requesting to be allowed an ability to earn a return on its investments associated with its EEPs. South Jersey projects that its total EEP expenditures will amount to approximately \$35.9 million through September 2018. The EEPs provide participating customers with incentives to reduce their natural gas consumption. South Jersey proposes to recover the costs of its EEPs through its EET which will operate consistent with the Board-approved tracker mechanism.

The Company proposes to increase its EET charge to \$0.009917 per therm in order to recover a total revenue requirement of \$5.2 million (excluding SUT and PUA) for the period October 1, 2017 through September 30, 2018. The proposed EET charge would be applied to all customer classes. The impact of this increase on the bill of a typical residential heating customer using 100 therms of natural gas in a winter month is an increase of \$0.54 or 0.4%. Approval of the filing would impact charges for a typical customer usage, as follows:

BILL IMPACTS

Residential Heating Service (RSG)

| Therm Level | Bill as of June 1, 2017 (1) | Bill as of October 1, 2017 (2) | Dollar Increase | Percent Increase |
|--------------------|--|---|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 25 | \$37.17 | \$37.30 | \$0.13 | 0.3% |
| 100 | \$119.82 | \$120.36 | \$0.54 | 0.4% |
| 200 | \$230.02 | \$231.09 | \$1.07 | 0.5% |

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

| Therm Level | Bill as of June 1, 2017 (1) | Bill as of October 1, 2017 (2) | Dollar Increase | Percent Increase |
|--------------------|--|---|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 500 | \$513.00 | \$515.67 | \$2.67 | 0.5% |
| 1,000 | \$996.88 | \$1,002.23 | \$5.35 | 0.5% |
| 2,000 | \$1,964.64 | \$1,975.33 | \$10.69 | 0.5% |

(1) Based upon current Delivery Rates and Basic Gas Supply Service (BGSS) charges in effect October 1, 2016 and assumes that the customer receives BGSS service from South Jersey Gas.

(2) Same as (1) except includes change in EET charge.

Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 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 an EET charge at an amount different than the amount proposed by South Jersey. Any EET rate is effective upon Board approval.

Copies of the Company's filing are available for inspection at the Company offices located at One South Jersey Plaza, Folsom, New Jersey 08037, or at the Board of Public Utilities, 44 South Clinton Avenue, 7th Floor, Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0350. The Company's filing may also be found on the South Jersey website at <https://www.southjerseygas.com/About-South-Jersey-Gas/Regulatory-Compliance-Tariff-Information.aspx>.

NOTICE is further given that public hearings are scheduled at the following date, times, and place on the Company's petition:

**August 29, 2017 at 4:30 and 5:30 PM
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. Written requests and public comments may be submitted to the Board to: Irene Kim Asbury, Secretary, Board of Public Utilities, 44 S. Clinton Avenue, P.O. Box 350, Trenton, NJ 08625-0350.

**SOUTH JERSEY GAS COMPANY
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