



February 1, 2021

Via Email

To: The Office of the County Clerk, Municipal Clerk and County Administrator

Re: In the Matter of the Petition of New Jersey Natural Gas Company for the Annual Review and Revision of Societal Benefits Charge Factors for Remediation Year 2020
BPU Docket No. GR20090625

Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:2-32.6, New Jersey Natural Gas Company hereby serves upon you the attached Notice of Public Hearings in the above referenced matter. The subject telephonic hearings are scheduled for February 23, 2021, at 4:30 and 5:30 P.M. with the following Dial-In instructions.

Dial In: 1-888-619-1583
Access Code: 819208

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Andrew K. Dembia'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

Andrew K. Dembia, Esq.
Regulatory Affairs Counsel

AKD: sf

Attachment

NOTICE TO NEW JERSEY NATURAL GAS COMPANY CUSTOMERS
NOTICE OF SOCIETAL BENEFITS CHARGE FILING AND PUBLIC HEARING
BPU Docket No. GR20090625

TO OUR CUSTOMERS:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on September 29, 2020, New Jersey Natural Gas Company (“NJNG” or the “Company”) filed its annual Societal Benefits Charge (“SBC”) petition with the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (“Board”) for a price adjustment for all applicable service customers. Pursuant to its filing, NJNG requested that the Board permit NJNG to increase its overall SBC rate which would include increases to the Remediation Adjustment (“RA”) and the New Jersey Clean Energy Program (“NJCEP”) factors effective April 1, 2021.

The RA rate provides recovery of actual costs incurred by NJNG for the clean-up of former manufactured gas plant sites. The NJCEP rate is designed to recover costs incurred for NJNG’s share of statewide energy efficiency and renewable energy expenditures.

If the Board approves the requested price adjustment, the impact will result in an overall increase of approximately \$1.08 per month or 0.95 percent for a residential heating customer using 100 therms per month. The above-referenced proposal will not result in any profit for NJNG.

If approved by the Board, the impact of the proposed changes to the RA and NJCEP factors on typical natural gas bills is illustrated below:

| Customer Type | Therm Level (Usage) | Total Bill | | Net Dollar Increase | Percent Increase |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------|------------------------------------|---|---------------------|------------------|
| | | Monthly Bill as of October 1, 2020 | Proposed Monthly Bill as of April 1, 2021 | | |
| Residential Heat Sales | 100 | \$113.10 | \$114.18 | \$1.08 | 0.95% |
| Residential Non-Heat Sales | 25 | \$34.29 | \$34.56 | \$0.27 | 0.79% |
| General Service Small | 100 | \$133.04 | \$134.21 | \$1.08 | 0.81% |
| General Service Large | 1200 | \$1,277.67 | \$1,290.63 | \$12.96 | 1.01% |

The Board has the statutory authority to establish the RA and NJCEP factors at levels it finds just and reasonable. Therefore, the Board may establish the RA and NJCEP factors at levels other than those proposed by NJNG. NJNG’s SBC costs addressed in this 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.

PLEASE TAKE ADDITIONAL NOTICE that due to the COVID-19 pandemic, telephonic public hearings will be conducted on the following dates and times:

Date: February 23, 2021
 Public Hearing 1: 4:30pm
 Public Hearing 2: 5:30pm
 Dial-In: 1-888-619-1583
 Access Code: 819208

Copies of NJNG’s September 29, 2020 filing can be reviewed on the Company’s website, www.njng.com/regulatory in the “Filings & Updates” subsection of the “Regulatory Info” section listed.

Representatives of the Board’s Staff and Rate Counsel will participate in the telephonic public hearings. Members of the public are invited to participate by utilizing the Dial-In and Access Code information set forth above, and may express their views on this filing. Such comments will be made part of the final record of the proceeding to be considered by the Board. The Board will also accept email/written comments. Members of the public may file comments with the Secretary of the Board via email or mail. Although both will be given equal consideration, email is the preferred method of transmittal while Board Staff continues to work remotely due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Emailed comments may be submitted to board.secretary@bpu.nj.gov; or through the Board’s External Access Portal after obtaining a MyNewJersey Portal ID. Once an account is established you will need an authorization code which can be obtained upon request by emailing the Board’s IT Helpdesk at ITHELPDESK@bpu.nj.gov. Detailed instructions for e-Filing can be found on the Board’s homepage at <https://www.nj.gov/bpu/agenda/efiling>. Written comments may be submitted to the Board Secretary, Aida Camacho, at the Board of Public Utilities, 44 South Clinton Avenue, 9th Floor, P.O. Box 350, Trenton, NJ 08625-0350. All comments should include the name of the petition and the docket number.

Hearings will continue, if necessary, on such additional dates and at such locations as the Board may designate, to ensure that all interested persons are heard.

New Jersey Natural Gas Company
 Andrew K. Dembia, Esq.