

NOTICE TO NEW JERSEY NATURAL GAS CUSTOMERS

In the Matter of the Petition of New Jersey Natural Gas Company for Approval of the Cost Recovery Associated with the Energy Efficiency Programs DOCKET NO. GO23060340

NOTICE OF FILING AND PUBLIC HEARINGS

TO OUR CUSTOMERS:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on June 1, 2023, New Jersey Natural Gas (“NJNG” or the “Company”) filed a petition with the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (“Board”) seeking approval to implement a change to its Energy Efficiency (“EE”) Rider F through which it recovers costs associated with EE Programs (“Programs”) offered through Board-approved the SAVEGREEN™ Project. The current programs provide a broad range of EE offerings for residential, commercial, and industrial customers, including special resources for low to moderate income customers. The Programs include discounted energy saving measures, grants, financing opportunities, technical assistance and other resources to help address barriers to saving energy and making investments in energy efficiency improvements more accessible for all customers. Pursuant to Board Orders dated July 17, 2009 (Docket Nos. EO09010056 and EO09010057), September 24, 2010 (Docket No. GO10030225), January 18, 2012, (Docket No. GR11070425), June 21, 2013 (GO12070640), July 22, 2015, and June 29, 2016 (Docket No. GO14121412), September 17, 2018 (Docket No. GO18030355), and March 3, 2021 (Docket Nos. QO19010040 and GO20090622). NJNG is authorized to recover all reasonable and prudent costs associated with the SAVEGREEN programs. The approved and proposed costs include funds for grants, customer incentives and the associated incremental Operations and Maintenance expenses, along with associated carrying costs.

Rider F is applied in a manner consistent with existing components and processes of the Board-approved Societal Benefits Charge applicable to all jurisdictional throughput. The current after-tax EE charge for natural gas customers is \$0.0365 per therm, including New Jersey Sales and Use Tax (“SUT”). The Company has requested that the Board approve an increase of \$0.0006 per therm to the “EE Programs Established 2010-2018” component and an increase of \$0.0148 per therm to the “EE Programs Established 2021-Present” component for a total increase of \$0.0154 per therm effective October 1, 2023. If approved, the after-tax EE charge will increase to \$0.0519 per therm, including SUT. The change results in an overall increase of \$1.54, or 1.0 percent, on a typical 100-therm residential bill.

The proposed statewide charges for natural gas customers are as follows:

	Present	Present (Incl. Sales and Use Tax)	Proposed	Proposed (Incl. Sales and Use Tax)
EE Programs Established 2010-2018	\$0.0227	\$0.0242	\$0.0233	\$0.0248
EE Programs Established 2021-Present	\$0.0115	\$0.0123	\$0.0254	\$0.0271
Total EE	\$0.0342	\$0.0365	\$0.0487	\$0.0519

The impact of the Company’s filing, requested to be effective on October 1, 2023, or as of the effective date of the final Board Order in this proceeding, on a typical residential customer (both heat and non-heat), a typical general service small customer and a typical general service large customer on a monthly basis is estimated to be as follows based on the usage levels shown below:

Customer Type	Therm Level (Usage)	Total Bill		Net Increase	Percent Increase
		Monthly Bill as of May 1, 2023	Proposed Monthly Bill as of October 1, 2023		
Residential Heat Sales	100	\$151.18	\$152.72	\$1.54	1.0%
Residential Non-Heat Sales	25	\$45.16	\$45.54	\$0.38	0.8%
General Service Small	100	\$171.61	\$173.15	\$1.54	0.9%
General Service Large	1,200	\$1,636.16	\$1,654.64	\$18.48	1.1%

The Board has the statutory authority to establish the EE rate at levels it finds just and reasonable pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:2-21. Therefore, the Board may establish the new rate at levels other than those proposed by NJNG and the impact on a customer’s bill may vary from the information provided above.

PLEASE TAKE ADDITIONAL 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 filing:

VIRTUAL PUBLIC HEARINGS Date: August 23, 2023
Location: Zoom Virtual Webinar Meeting ID: 245 813 6397
Public Hearing 1: 4:30 p.m. Dial-In Number: +1 646 876 9923
Public Hearing 2: 5:30 p.m. Passcode: 819208
Join: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/2458136397?pwd=VUJpK1V0aDYxZDI1ZUIwaElOWDFRZz09>

Members of the public may present their views on the petition during the virtual public hearings by dialing the toll-free telephone number, followed by entering the listed passcode when prompted, or by joining the Zoom Virtual Webinar.

Representatives of the Board’s Staff and the New Jersey Division of Rate Counsel will participate in the virtual public hearings. All comments will be made part of the final record of the proceeding to be considered by the Board. In order to encourage full participation in this opportunity for public comment, please submit any requests for needed accommodations, such as interpreters and/or listening assistance, 48 hours prior to the above hearings to the Board Secretary at board.secretary@bpu.nj.gov.

Copies of NJNG’s June 1, 2023 filing can be reviewed on the Company’s website, www.njng.com/regulatory in the “Filings & Updates” subsection of the “Regulatory Info.”

The Board is also accepting written and/or electronic comments. While all comments will be given equal consideration and will be made part of the final record of this proceeding, the preferred method of transmittal is via the Board’s Public Document Search tool. Search for the docket number listed above, and post by utilizing the “Post Comments” button. Emailed comments may also be filed with the Secretary of the Board, in pdf or Word format, to board.secretary@bpu.nj.gov.

Written comments may be submitted to the Board Secretary, Sherry Golden, at the Board of Public Utilities, 44 South Clinton Avenue, 1st Floor, P.O. Box 350, Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0350. All emailed or mailed comments should include the name of the Petitioner and the docket number.

All comments are considered “public documents” for purposes of the State’s Open Public Records Act. Commenters may identify information that they seek to keep confidential by submitting them in accordance with the confidentiality procedures set forth in N.J.A.C. 14:1-12.3.

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