

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF ELIZABETHTOWN GAS COMPANY FOR APPROVAL OF A RATE ADJUSTMENT PURSUANT TO THE INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT PROGRAM (“IIP”) BPU Docket No. GR23040270

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on April 28, 2023, as modified on July 17, 2023, Elizabethtown Gas Company (“Elizabethtown” or “Company”) filed a petition with the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (“Board”) seeking Board approval to increase rates associated with the Company’s Infrastructure Investment Program (“IIP”) (“Petition”). The Board approved the IIP and the associated cost recovery mechanism on June 12, 2019 in Docket No. GR18101197 (“Order”). The Order authorized the Company to invest up to \$300 million, over a five-year period commencing July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2024, to replace up to 250 miles of cast iron and bare steel mains and related services, as well as the installation of excess flow valves on new service lines (“IIP Projects”). The Order also authorized the Company to make annual filings with the Board to recover the costs associated with the IIP Projects investments and to earn a return on and a return of those investments through annual adjustments to rates. This Petition seeks Board approval to recover \$6.2 million of revenue requirements associated with approximately \$58.4 million of IIP Projects placed in-service from July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023 with an October 1, 2023 rate effective date. The IIP Projects are intended to enhance distribution safety and reliability to the benefit of Elizabethtown’s customers, to help support the environment, and to facilitate economic development and employment in New Jersey.

If the proposed rate increase is approved by the Board, effective October 1, 2023, the per therm rates, inclusive of taxes, to all firm customers served under Service Classifications RDS, SGS, GDS, NGV, LVD, EGF, and GLS including certain firm, Board approved special contract customers served under the Company's firm rate classes would be as follows:

		Current Rates <u>per Therm</u>	Proposed Rates <u>per Therm</u>	Change <u>per Therm</u>
RDS	Residential	\$0.0193	\$0.0351	\$0.0158
SGS	Small General Service	\$0.0213	\$0.0375	\$0.0162
GDS	General Delivery Service	\$0.0127	\$0.0275	\$0.0148
GDS	Seasonal SP#1 May-Oct	\$0.0069	\$0.0031	(\$0.0038)
NGV	Natural Gas Vehicles	\$0.0345	\$0.0644	\$0.0299
LVD	Large Volume Demand	\$0.0061	\$0.0099	\$0.0038
EGF	Electric Generation	\$0.0041	\$0.0275	\$0.0234
GLS	Gas Lights, per mantel	\$0.0179	\$0.0333	\$0.0154
	Firm Special Contracts	\$0.0010	\$0.0016	\$0.0006

The impact of the proposed rate increase to rates in effect on July 1, 2023 for a residential heating customer using 100 therms is to increase the customer's monthly bill by \$1.58 from \$103.77 to \$105.35, an increase of 1.5%.

The Board has the statutory authority pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:3-1 to approve and establish these tariff classifications and rates at levels it finds just and reasonable as well as to establish the

effective date of such rates. Therefore, the Board may establish these rates at levels and/or an effective date other than those proposed by Elizabethtown.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, virtual-telephonic public hearings have been scheduled on the following date and times as noted below so that members of the public may present their views on the Company's Petition. Members of the public may present their views on the Petition during the public hearings by dialing the toll-free telephone number listed below, followed by entering the listed passcode when prompted or by accessing the Teams link:

VIRTUAL PUBLIC HEARINGS

DATE: August 31, 2023

HEARING TIMES: 4:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.

LOCATION: Microsoft Teams Meeting

ID: 215 244 029 357

PASSCODE: Ghuz38

(Access the Microsoft Teams App or Microsoft Teams on the web. On the left side of the screen, click the "Teams" icon. Select "Join or 'create a team". Press "Join" and enter the Meeting ID and Passcode when prompted.)

or

Dial In: 866-984-3163

Conference ID: 426 236 955 followed by the # sign

Copies of Elizabethtown's Petition can be reviewed on the Company's website at www.elizabethtowngas.com/rates-and-tariff 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. Representatives of the Company, Board Staff and the New Jersey Division of Rate Counsel will participate in the virtual-telephonic public hearings. Members of the public are invited to participate by utilizing the Dial-In Number and Conference ID set forth above and may express their views on this Petition. All comments will be made part of the final record of the proceeding and will 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 or listening assistance, 48 hours prior to the above hearings to the Board Secretary at board.secretary@bpu.nj.gov.

The Board will also accept 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 Secretary of the Board, Sherri L. 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 Petition 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.

**Elizabethtown Gas Company
 Christie McMullen, President and Chief Operating Officer**