

**NOTICE TO ELIZABETHTOWN GAS CUSTOMERS
NOTICE OF 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. GR23070477

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that, on July 31, 2023, Elizabethtown Gas Company (“Company” or “Elizabethtown”) filed a petition with the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (“BPU” or “Board”) in BPU Docket No. GR23070477 to revise the Remediation Adjustment Clause (“RAC”) component of its Societal Benefits Charge (“SBC”) rate (“Petition”). The Company’s SBC rate consists of four 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 certain environmental remediation costs, and two statewide low-income energy bill payment assistance programs; 3) the Universal Service Fund; and 4) the Lifeline program. Specifically, the Company has petitioned the Board to establish a RAC rate of \$0.0225 per therm, inclusive of applicable taxes, with a proposed effective date of October 1, 2023. A comparison of the Company’s current rate to the proposed rate is as follows:

	<u>Current Rate</u> <u>Per Therm</u>	<u>Proposed Rate</u> <u>Per Therm</u>
RAC	\$0.0023	\$0.0225

The effect of the Company’s Petition on the monthly bill of a typical residential heating customer using an average of 100 therms, as compared to the Company’s rates in effect as of November 1, 2023, is illustrated below:

<u>Consumption</u> <u>in Therms</u>	<u>Present Monthly Bill</u> <u>November 1, 2023</u>	<u>Proposed</u> <u>Monthly Bill</u>	<u>Proposed</u> <u>Monthly Increase</u>	<u>Percent Change</u>
100	\$105.46	\$107.48	\$2.02	1.9%

The Board has the statutory authority 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 BPU may establish the rates at levels and/or an effective date other than those proposed by Elizabethtown.

Notice of the filing of the Petition 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 on the Board’s website at <https://publicaccess.bpu.state.nj.us>, where you can search by the above-captioned docket number. Copies of the Petition may also be reviewed at the Board located at 44 South Clinton Avenue, 1st Floor, Trenton, NJ, by appointment. To make an appointment, please call (609) 913-6298. The Petition and this notice have also been sent to the New Jersey Division of Rate Counsel (“Rate Counsel”), who will represent the interests of all Elizabethtown customers in this proceeding.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that virtual public hearings will be held on following date and times so that members of the public may present their views on the Petition:

VIRTUAL PUBLIC HEARING

DATE: December 21, 2023

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

LOCATION: Microsoft Teams Meeting

ID: 234 394 558 88

PASSCODE: uCeF7o

(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: 220 256 397 followed by the # sign

Representatives of the Company, Board Staff and 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 conference ID set forth above to express their views on the Petition. All comments will be 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, 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 listed above using the “Post Comments” button on the Board’s Public Document Search tool. Comments are considered public documents for purposes of the State’s Open Public Records Act. Only public documents 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 such 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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