

South Jersey Gas Company

Notice of Public Hearings

In the Matter of the Petition of South Jersey Gas Company for Approval to Revise the Rider “H” Rate Associated with the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017 BPU Docket No. GR23060333

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that, on June 1, 2023, South Jersey Gas Company (“South Jersey” or “Company”) filed a petition (“Petition”) with the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (“Board”) seeking approval to decrease its Rider “H” credit rate, which was initially established on October 1, 2018, by way of Board Order issued on September 17, 2018, in Docket Nos. AX18010001 and GR18030230 (the “September 2018 Order”). Rider “H” is designed to refund the Company’s excess deferred income taxes resulting from the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017.

The Company proposes to decrease its Rider “H” rate to \$0.000000 from its current credit rate of \$0.018885 per therm, including taxes. The proposed Rider “H” rate would be applicable to all customer classes identified in Rider “H” to the Company’s Tariff. The impact of this decrease to the current credit rate on the monthly bill of a typical residential heating customer using 100 therms of natural gas in a winter month is an increase of \$1.88 or 1.0%, as compared to the Company’s rates in effect as of June 1, 2023.

If the proposed decrease to the current credit rate is approved by the Board, the bill impacts on typical Residential and General Service customers using 1,000 therms or less per year are estimated to be as follows:

Residential Service (RSG)

Therm Level	Monthly Bill as of June 1, 2023 ⁽¹⁾	Monthly Bill as of October 1, 2023 ⁽²⁾	Dollar Increase	Percent Increase
25	\$55.77	\$56.24	\$0.47	0.8%
50	\$101.04	\$101.98	\$0.94	0.9%
100	\$191.58	\$193.46	\$1.88	1.0%

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

Therm Level	Monthly Bill as of June 1, 2023 ⁽¹⁾	Monthly Bill as of October 1, 2023 ⁽²⁾	Dollar Increase	Percent Increase
250	\$446.45	\$451.17	\$4.72	1.1%
500	\$852.40	\$861.85	\$9.45	1.1%
1,000	\$1,664.31	\$1,683.19	\$18.88	1.1%

- (1) Based upon current Delivery Rates and Basic Gas Supply Service (BGSS) charges in effect June 1, 2023 and assumes that the customer receives BGSS service from South Jersey Gas.
- (2) Same as (1) except includes change in Rider “H” rate.

A copy of South Jersey’s Petition can be reviewed on the Company’s website at www.southjerseygas.com under regulatory information.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, 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 Petition:

VIRTUAL PUBLIC HEARING

Date: August 30, 2023

Hearing Times: 4:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.

LOCATION

Microsoft Teams Meeting

ID: 231 763 986

Passcode: bhuNbv

(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: 866-984-3164

Conference ID: 592 380 363 followed by #

Representatives of the Company, Board Staff and the New Jersey Division of Rate Counsel will participate in the virtual public hearings. Members of the public are invited to participate by utilizing Meeting ID or the Dial-In Number set forth above and may express their views on this Petition. 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, or listening assistance, 48 hours prior to the above hearing 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 email. Instructions for confidential e-filing are found on the Board’s webpage. <https://www.nj.gov/bpu/agenda/efiling/>.

Emailed and/or written comments may also be submitted to:
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