

**NOTICE TO NEW JERSEY NATURAL GAS CUSTOMERS**

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF NEW JERSEY NATURAL GAS COMPANY FOR THE ANNUAL REVIEW AND REVISION OF ITS BASIC GAS SUPPLY SERVICE (BGSS) AND CONSERVATION INCENTIVE PROGRAM (CIP) RATES FOR FY 2025  
Docket No. GR24060372

**NOTICE OF FILING AND PUBLIC HEARING**

TO OUR CUSTOMERS:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on May 31, 2024, New Jersey Natural Gas ("NJNG" or "Company") filed a petition with the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities ("Board" or "BPU") regarding its 2024–2025 Basic Gas Supply Service ("BGSS") and Conservation Incentive Program ("CIP") rates filing pursuant to Board Orders in Docket Nos. GX01050304 and GR05121020, GR05121020 and GR13030185 ("Petition"). The BGSS Charge includes actual and projected natural gas commodity, storage, and interstate transportation costs. The CIP Charge provides for a rate adjustment related to changes in average use per customer when compared to a pre-established baseline value. Pursuant to a Board Order in Docket No. GR21030679, the Board authorized NJNG to adjust its Balancing Charge, which is based on winter gas usage, in the annual BGSS filing to reflect updated costs.

In the Petition, NJNG a decrease its BGSS rate and adjust its CIP rates effective October 1, 2024. Additionally, NJNG requested to increase its Balancing Charge effective October 1, 2024. The impact to a residential heating customer using an average of 100 therms per month would be a decrease of \$6.18 per month, or 4.1 percent, as a result of the proposed BGSS rate, an increase of \$6.18 per month, or 4.1 percent, as a result of the proposed Balancing Charge rate, and a decrease of \$0.12 per month, or 0.1 percent, as a result of the proposed CIP rate. The combined impact of these rate changes would result in an overall decrease of approximately \$0.12 or 0.1 percent per month on a 100-therm residential bill. All Balancing Charge revenues from sales and transportation customers are credited to BGSS recoveries.

The effect of the Company's request for the rate adjustments, to be effective October 1, 2024, on natural gas bills for the applicable customer classes is estimated to be as follows:

		Total Monthly Bill		Monthly Bill Impact				% Impact			
Customer Type	Therm Level	Bill as of May 1, 2024	Proposed Bill as of October 1, 2024	BGSS	Balancing Charge	CIP	Net Increase/(Decrease)	BGSS	Balancing Charge	CIP	Net Increase/(Decrease)
<b>Residential Heat Sales</b>	100	\$150.04	\$149.92	(\$6.18)	6.18	(\$0.12)	(\$0.12)	(4.1%)	4.1%	(0.1%)	(0.1%)
<b>Residential Non-Heat Sales</b>	25	\$44.43	\$44.50	(\$1.55)	\$1.55	\$0.07	\$0.07	(3.5%)	3.5%	0.2%	0.2%
<b>General Service – Small</b>	100	\$170.13	\$169.17	(\$6.18)	\$6.18	(\$0.96)	(\$0.96)	(3.6%)	3.6%	(0.6%)	(0.6%)
<b>General Service – Large</b>	1200	\$1,645.40	\$1,648.88	(\$74.16)	\$74.16	\$3.48	\$3.48	(4.5%)	4.5%	0.2%	0.2%

The General Service - Large ("GSL") sales customers are not affected by the proposed BGSS request because they are subject to Monthly BGSS rates tied to monthly market pricing for their natural gas supply. GSL sales customers' overall bills are also not affected by the proposed Balancing Charge because their Monthly BGSS rates are net of the Balancing Charge and the Balancing Charge is included in their Delivery Charge, offsetting each other. The GSL BGSS decrease and Balancing Charge increase shown above reflect the proposed Balancing Charge change in both rates resulting in no impact.

Future changes in NJNG's rate for BGSS service may occur if NJNG elects to adjust its BGSS rates upward by filing timely notice with the Board and the New Jersey Division of Rate Counsel ("Rate Counsel"). Any such self-implementing increase is limited to a maximum of five (5) percent of the total residential bill effective December 1, 2024, and to a maximum of five (5) percent of the total residential bill, effective February 1, 2025. Further, these self-implementing increases would be provisional and subject to true-up in connection with the next annual BGSS filing. The Board authorized NJNG to decrease its BGSS rate at any time upon five (5) days' notice and the filing of supporting documentation with the Board and the New Jersey Division of Rate Counsel ("Rate Counsel").

If both of the above mentioned self-implementing increases were put into place as of the requested effective dates, the effect on typical Residential and General Service - Small natural gas bills are estimated to be as follows:

		Total Monthly Bill			Increase	
Customer Type	Monthly Therm Level	Bill as of October 1, 2024	Proposed Bill Including December and February BGSS 5 Percent Increases	Amount	Percent	
<b>Residential Heat Sales</b>	100	\$149.92	165.29	\$15.37	10.3%	
<b>Residential Non-Heat Sales</b>	25	\$44.50	48.34	\$3.84	8.6%	
<b>General Service – Small</b>	100	\$169.17	184.54	\$15.37	9.1%	

The Board has the statutory authority pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:2-21 to establish rates at levels it finds just and reasonable. Therefore, the Board may establish rates at levels other than those proposed in the Petition. As a result, the described charges may increase or decrease based upon the Board's decision. NJNG's natural gas costs addressed in the Petition 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 FURTHER 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 Petition:

VIRTUAL PUBLIC HEARINGS

Date: August 19, 2024

Hearing Times: 4:30 pm and 5:30 pm

Location: Zoom Virtual Webinar

Join: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/2458136397?pwd=VUJkV1V0aDYxZDZlUWlwaEJOWDFRZz09>

Meeting ID: 245 813 6397

Passcode: 819208

Dial-In Number: +1 646 876 9923

Members of the public may present their views on the Petition via the Zoom link provide above, or by dialing the toll-free telephone number, followed by entering the listed passcode when prompted.

Representatives of the Board's Staff and Rate Counsel will participate in the virtual public hearings. All comments will be made part of the final record and will 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 and/or listening assistance, 48 hours in advance to the Board Secretary at [board.secretary@bpu.nj.gov](mailto:board.secretary@bpu.nj.gov).

Copies of NJNG's May 31, 2024 filing can be reviewed on the Company's website, [www.njng.com/regulatory](http://www.njng.com/regulatory) in the "Filings & Updates" subsection of the "Regulatory Info."

The Board is also accepting written and electronic comments. Comments may be submitted directly to the specific docket number listed above using the "Post Comments" button on the Board's Public Document Search tool at <https://publicaccess.bpu.state.nj.us/>. Comments are considered public documents for purposes of the State's Open Public Records Act. Only documents that are intended to be public 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, Sherri L. Golden. Please include "Confidential Information" in the subject line of any 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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