

Cindy Capozzoli Director, Rates

January 23, 2024

Sherri Golden, Secretary of the Board NJ Board of Public Utilities 44 South Clinton Avenue P.O. Box 350 Trenton, NJ 08625-0350

RE: In the Matter of the Establishment of a Universal Service Fund Pursuant to Section 12 of the Electric Discount and Energy Competition Act of 1999, Docket No. EX00020091

In the Matter of the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities' Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic,
Docket No. AO20060471

Dear Secretary Golden:

Attached is (i) the quarterly USF/Lifeline report for billings, remittances, customer credits, clearinghouse receipts and (ii) the quarterly Utility USF Reporting related to the activity through December 31, 2023.

The USF/Lifeline reporting is in accordance with the Board of Public Utilities' ("Board") Order dated July 16, 2003 in Docket No. EX00020091

The Utility USF Reporting is in accordance with the Board's Order dated April 30, 2003 and June 30, 2004 in Docket No. EX00020091. The Utility USF Reporting specifications were developed by the USF Working Group consisting of the State's seven Electric and Gas Utilities, APPRISE Inc., The Ratepayer Advocate, State Agencies, and other interested parties.

This submission also includes the updated reporting requirements included in the Board's Order dated July 29, 2023 in Docket No. AO20060471.

Please do not hesitate to contact me, should you have any questions.

Respectfully,

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SOUTH JERSEY GAS USF/ Lifeline Billing and Remittance Summary

								Total						Total
	USF			Lifeline			USF / Lifeline	US	USF		Lifeline			
	Therms Billed		Rate	Billing	Therms Billed	Rate	Billing	Billing	Remittance	Date	Remittance	Check No.	Date	Remittance
Oct-23	29,011,610	\$	0.0115	\$235,527	29,011,610	\$ 0.0062	\$124,896	\$360,423	\$235,527	11/8/23	\$124,896	Wire	11/8/23	\$360,423
Nov-23	56,176,840	\$	0.0115	\$392,796	56,176,840	\$ 0.0062	\$210,820	\$603,616	\$392,796	1/2/24	\$210,820	Wire	1/2/24	\$603,616
Dec-23	67,166,070	\$	0.0115	\$641,907	67,166,070	\$ 0.0062	\$344,774	\$986,681	\$641,907	1/8/24	\$344,774	Wire	1/8/24	\$986,681
Jan-24	0	\$	0.0115	\$0	0	\$ 0.0062	\$0	\$0	\$0	1/0/00	\$0	Wire	1/0/00	\$0
Feb-24	0	\$	0.0115	\$0	0	\$ 0.0062	\$0	\$0	\$0	1/0/00	\$0	Wire	1/0/00	\$0
Mar-24	0	\$	0.0115	\$0	0	\$ 0.0062	\$0	\$0	\$0	1/0/00	\$0	Wire	1/0/00	\$0
Apr-24	0	\$	0.0115	\$0	0	\$ 0.0062	\$0	\$0	\$0	1/0/00	\$0	Wire	1/0/00	\$0
May-24	0	\$	0.0115	\$0	0	\$ 0.0062	\$0	\$0	\$0	1/0/00	\$0	Wire	1/0/00	\$0
Jun-24	0	\$	0.0115	\$0	0	\$ 0.0062	\$0	\$0	\$0	1/0/00	\$0	Wire	1/0/00	\$0
Jul-24	0	\$	0.0115	\$0	0	\$ 0.0062	\$0	\$0	\$0	1/0/00	\$0	Wire	1/0/00	\$0
Aug-24	0	\$	0.0115	\$0	0	\$ 0.0062	\$0	\$0	\$0	1/0/00	\$0	Wire	1/0/00	\$0
Sep-24	0	\$	0.0115	\$0	0	\$ 0.0062	\$0	\$0	\$0	1/0/00	\$0	Wire	1/0/00	\$0
Total	152,354,520			\$1,270,230	152,354,520		\$680,490	\$1,950,720	\$1,270,230		\$680,490			\$1,950,720

SOUTH JERSEY GAS Calculation of USF Under / (Over) Recovery

		USF				USF Fu			
		Credits	FreshStart Re		eceived From C	Under (Over)			
		Issued		Forgiveness		Amount	Date	Recovery	
September 2023 Cumula	ative Over Recove	red Balance						\$	(1,399,379)
Oct-23	\$	629,153	\$	151,782	\$	(164,357)	Oct-23	\$	616,578
Nov-23	\$	649,251	\$	289,146	\$	(180,595)	Nov-23	\$	757,802
Dec-23	\$	657,196	\$	312,507	\$	(270,966)	Dec-23	\$	698,737
Jan-24	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	Jan-24	\$	-
Feb-24	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	Feb-24	\$	-
Mar-24	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	Mar-24	\$	-
Apr-24	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	Apr-24	\$	-
May-24	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	May-24	\$	-
Jun-24	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	Jun-24	\$	-
Jul-24	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	Jul-24	\$	-
Aug-24	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	Aug-24	\$	-
Sep-24	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	Sep-24	\$	-
Total	\$	1,935,599	\$	753,436	\$	(615,918)		\$	673,739

SOUTH JERSEY GAS COMPANY USF Carrying Costs on Benefits and Administrative Costs

<u>a</u>	Beginning <u>Balance</u> <u>b</u>	Customer <u>Credits</u> <u>C</u>	Administration <u>Costs</u> <u>d</u>	Clearinghouse <u>Receipts</u> <u>e</u>	Ending <u>Balance</u> f=b+c+d+e	Average Balance g=(b+f)/2	USF Interest <u>Rate *</u> <u>h</u>	Carrying Cost * i=g*(h/12)	Ending Balance ** plus Cumulative
O-t 22	(64 277 770)	¢700 026	¢ο	(\$464.9E7)	(\$764.000)	(\$760.0E6)	F 700/	(\$2.66E)	(Over) / Under
Oct-23	(\$1,377,779)	\$780,936	\$0	(\$164,357)	(\$761,200)	(\$768,856)	5.72%	(\$3,665)	(\$764,865)
Nov-23	(\$761,200)	\$938,396	\$0	(\$180,595)	(\$3,399)	(\$274,835)	5.55%	(\$1,271)	(\$4,670)
Dec-23	(\$3,399)	\$969,703	\$11,836	(\$270,966)	\$707,175	\$252,972	5.16%	\$1,088	\$708,263
Jan-24	\$707,175	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$707,175	\$508,388	0.00%	\$0	\$707,175
Feb-24	\$707,175	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$707,175	\$508,388	0.00%	\$0	\$707,175
Mar-24	\$707,175	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$707,175	\$508,388	0.00%	\$0	\$707,175
Apr-24	\$707,175	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$707,175	\$508,388	0.00%	\$0	\$707,175
May-24	\$707,175	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$707,175	\$508,388	0.00%	\$0	\$707,175
Jun-24	\$707,175	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$707,175	\$508,388	0.00%	\$0	\$707,175
Jul-24	\$707,175	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$707,175	\$508,388	0.00%	\$0	\$707,175
Aug-24	\$707,175	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$707,175	\$508,388	0.00%	\$0	\$707,175
Sep-24	\$707,175	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$707,175	\$508,388	0.00%	\$0	\$707,175
Total	_	\$2,689,035	\$11,836	(\$615,918)			-	(\$3,848)	\$3,848

^{*} Effective October 24, 2008 the Interest Rate changed to a two year constant maturity Treasuries on the first day of each month, or the closest day thereafter on which rates are published, plus sixty basis points, on an after tax basis, but shall not exceed the overall rate of return for each utility as authorized by the Board per Board Order in Docket No. ER08060455 dated October 21, 2008.

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^{**} Presented to show the net (Over) / Under Recovery Position, not used in calculating monthly carrying costs.

SOUTH JERSEY GAS COMPANY USF Detail of Credits Issued to Customers

	Issued per DHS Tape	Manual Utility Portability Adjustments	Fresh Start Forgiveness	Total Credits <u>Issued</u>
Oct-23	\$629,153	\$0	\$151,782	\$780,936
Nov-23	\$649,251	\$0	\$289,146	\$938,396
Dec-23	\$657,196	\$0	\$312,507	\$969,703
Jan-24	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Feb-24	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Mar-24	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Apr-24	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
May-24	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Jun-24	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Jul-24	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Aug-24	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Sep-24	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total	\$1,935,599	\$0	\$753,436	\$2,689,035

SOUTH JERSEY GAS COMPANY Incremental Administration Costs

			USF- Related						
			Customer	Systems	Total				
-	Advertising	Other	Mailings	Changes	Costs				
Oct-23	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0				
Nov-23	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0				
Dec-23	\$0	\$0	\$11,836	\$0	\$11,836				
Jan-24	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0				
Feb-24	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0				
Mar-24	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0				
Apr-24	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0				
May-24	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0				
Jun-24	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0				
Jul-24	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0				
Aug-24	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0				
Sep-24	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0				
	\$0	\$0	\$11,836	\$0	\$11,836				

SOUTH JERSEY GAS COMPANY Utility USF Report

	Oct-23	Nov-23	Dec-23	Jan-24	Feb-24	Mar-24	Apr-24	May-24	Jun-24	Jul-24	Aug-24	Sep-24 Total Avera	age Cust
Number of USF customers (Active @ Month End) Amount and distribution of Monthly USF benefits	19,858	18,862	19,009										19,243
# Customers \$5 to \$25	\$90,357	\$81,832	\$82,340									s	254,528
	11,410	10,256	10,327										10,664
\$26 to 50	\$133,570	\$127,698	\$128,922									\$	390,190
\$51 to \$75	3,608 \$147,540	3,439 \$146,061	3,475 \$147,422									s	3,507 441,023
	2,408	2,376	2,396										2,393
\$76 to 100	\$119,203 1,384	\$126,430 1,464	\$126,491 1,464									\$	372,124 1,437
\$101 to \$125	\$68,563	\$85,211	\$85,041									\$	238,815
2422	615	768	767									s	717
\$126 to \$150	\$39,904 294	\$48,494 357	\$49,510 365									•	137,908 339
greater than \$150	\$37,758	\$51,290	\$50,614 298									\$	139,661
total	223 636,894	302 \$ 667,016 \$	670,338									\$	274 1,974,249
	19,942	18,962	19,092										19,332
Amount and distribution of 3 Arrearage Forgiveness- dollars # Customers	USF Fresh Start												
0 to 25	\$9,930	\$24,813	\$33,770									\$	68,513
26 to 50	672 \$21,995	1,771 \$46,649	2,423 \$57.437									s	1,622 126.081
	597	1,284	1,586										1,156
51 to 75	\$24,794 402	\$42,913 703	\$49,663 820									\$	117,370 642
76 to 100	\$18,084	\$31,560	\$33,658									\$	83,302
444, 444	208	365	391									_	321
101 to 200	\$43,575 320	\$78,259 586	\$72,633 541									\$	194,467 482
\$201 to \$300	\$20,368	\$30,487	\$37,456									\$	88,311
\$301 to \$400	87 \$8,247	129 \$15,924	156 \$15,298									s	124 39,470
\$401 to \$500	25 \$3,568	47 \$9,511	45 \$5,751									s	39 18,830
	8	21	13										14
\$501 to \$1000	\$1,221 2	\$9,029 15	\$6,841 11									\$	17,091 9
\$1001 to \$2001	\$0	\$0 -	\$0									\$	-
\$2001 to \$3000	\$0	\$0	\$0									\$:
\$3001 to \$4000	\$0	\$0	\$0									\$	-
\$4001 to \$5000	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$0									\$	-
greater than 5000	- \$0	- \$0	- \$0									\$	
Total s	151,782 2,321	\$ 289,146 \$ 4,921	312,507 5,986									\$	- 753,436
Distribution of full retail bills- 4 dollars													
# Customers													
0 to \$50	\$427,127 15,994	\$230,369 7,595	\$100,299 3,393									\$	757,796 8,994
\$51 to \$100	\$255,442	\$596,877	\$476,937									\$	1,329,256
\$101 to \$150	3,838 \$54,171	8,299 \$333,820	6,249 \$661,286									\$	6,129 1,049,278
	460	2,798	5,382										2,880
\$151 to \$200	\$14,670 87	\$117,822 693	\$483,620 2,818									\$	616,112 1,199
201 to 250	\$4,237 19	\$38,152 174	\$244,375 1,110									\$	286,764 434
250 plus	\$6,824	\$19,807	\$194,527									\$	221,158
Total	16	67	640 2,161,043									s	241 4,260,363
I Otal	20,414	19,626	19,592									•	19,877
5 Number of participants terminated for nonpayment	85	100	83	-	-	-	-	-	-		-	-	22
6 Number of USF customers participating in Fesh Start	2,321	4,921	5,986	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	13,228
7 Fresh Start dollars potentially forgiveable	\$658,157	\$490,072	\$607,683									\$	1,755,912