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Hon. Kristi Izzo, Secretary New Jersey Board of Public Utilities 44 South Clinton Avenue, 9th Floor P.O. Box 350 Trenton, NJ 08625-0350

Re:

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) Factors for F/Y 2015 Docket Nos. GR14060537 and GX01050304

Dear Secretary Izzo:

Please accept this letter as notification that New Jersey Natural Gas Company (the "Company" or "NJNG") intends to implement a decrease to its Periodic Basic Gas Supply Service ("BGSS") factor effective October 1, 2014. Pursuant to the terms of an Order in BPU Docket No. GX01050304, dated January 6, 2003, approving the BGSS Pricing Mechanism and the Stipulation adopted within that order, the Company can implement a rate reduction with five days notice to the Staff of the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities ("BPU") and the New Jersey Division of Rate Counsel. Accordingly, this letter and the attachments hereto constitute the required notice.

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On June 2, 2014, NJNG filed a petition seeking the review of its BGSS and Conservation Incentive Program ("CIP") factors for the 2015 fiscal year in Docket No. GR14060537, captioned above ("Annual Filing"). Within that filing, the Company requested to maintain the Periodic BGSS price of \$0.5356 per therm inclusive of sales tax that was implemented effective December 1, 2013 and proposed decreases to its CIP rates and its Balancing Charge effective October 1, 2014.

Due to the Company's natural gas supply strategies and recent lower wholesale natural gas prices, NJNG is able to implement a BGSS price decrease for residential and small commercial customers subject to the Periodic BGSS pricing mechanism. Effective October 1, 2014, the current BGSS price of \$0.5356 per therm will decrease to \$0.4804 per therm inclusive of sales taxes. The BGSS price reduction results in a decrease of \$5.52, or approximately 5 percent, for a residential heating sales customer using 100 therms per month. A residential heating customer's total annual bill based on 1,000 therm usage will be reduced by \$55.20. When combined with CIP decrease proposed in the Annual Filing, the annual bill will be reduced by \$102.40, or 9.2 percent. The BGSS decrease and the proposed CIP decreases result in an overall decrease of 7.0 percent to the total monthly 25 therm bill for a residential non-heat sales customer and 8.2 percent to the total onthly 100 therm bill for a General Service - Small ("GSS") sales customer.

NJNG continuously monitors the natural gas markets and will continue to make every effort possible to provide reasonably priced, reliable natural gas supply service to BGSS customers.

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EXHIBITS

NJNG is providing the following information within this notification:

Exhibit A demonstrates the impact of the BGSS price reduction on the average residential heating customer using 100 therms a month and also based on an annual consumption of 1000 therms as well as on a residential non-heating

customer and GSS customer, and

Exhibit B includes the NJNG Tariff pages that will be changed to reflect the

impact of the BGSS price decrease in a red-line and clean format.

The costs and recoveries associated with this filing have no net impact on NJNG's base revenues or return on investment, and the BGSS price reduction will not change NJNG's income or rate of return as previously fixed by the Board.

Respectfully submitted,

NEW JERSEY NATURAL GAS COMPANY

Bv/

Andrew K. Dembia, Esq. Regulatory Affairs Counsel

C: Service List (Electronic mail only) Encl.

NEW JERSEY NATURAL GAS COMPANY ANNUAL REVIEW AND REVISION OF ITS BASIC GAS SUPPLY SERVICE (BGSS) AND REVIEW AND REVISION OF ITS CONSERVATION INCENTIVE PROGRAM (CIP) FOR F/Y 2015 DOCKET NO. GR14060537

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New Jersey Natural Gas Company Net Impact of Proposed Rate Changes BPU Docket No. GR14060537 F/Y 2015

			(\$/therm)					
		Current			Proposed			
Pre-tax Periodic BGSS	Residential Non- Heat \$0.5006	Residential Heat \$0.5006	GSS \$0.5006	Residential Non- Heat \$0.4490	Residential Heat \$0.4490	GSS \$0.4490		
After-tax Periodic BGSS Less: Balancing	\$0.5 3 56 [\$0.0863)	\$0.5356 (\$ 0.0963)	\$0.6356 (\$0.6563)	\$0,4804 1\$0,0862.	\$0.4804 (\$0.7%67)	\$0,4804 (\$0,0563)		
BGSS Price To Compare	<u>\$0.4493</u>	\$0.4493	\$0,4493	\$0,3941	\$0.3941	<u>\$0.3941</u>		

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moac (on mean	Addition 14011-11colling daysoning	73		25 therm bill	
Current Prices					
	Customer Charge		\$8.25	\$8:25	
	Delivery		\$0.5471	\$13.68	
	BGSS	T 1	\$0.4493 \$0.9964	\$11.23	
		Total	¥088.U¢	\$33.16	
Proposed price	es- effective 10/1/14				
•	Customer Charge		\$8.25	\$8.25	
	Delivery		\$0.5471	\$13.68	
	BGSS		50.3941	\$9.85	
		Total	\$0.9412	\$31.78	
	Decrease			(\$1.38)	
	Decrease as a percent			(4.2%)	
		••			
moact on Res	idential Heating Customers				1000 therm annua
				100 therm bill	bill
Current Prices					
	Customer Charge		\$8.25	\$8.25	\$99.0
	Delivery		\$0.5662	\$56.62 \$44.93	\$566.2 \$449.3
	BGSS	Total	\$0 4493 \$1.0155	\$109.80	\$1,114.6
		TOtal	37.0133	\$103.00	\$1,114.0
Proposed price	es- effective 10/1/14				
	Customer Charge		\$8.25	\$8.25	\$99.0
	Delivery		\$0,5662	\$56.62	\$566.2
	BGSS	~_4_1	\$0.3941	\$39.41	\$394. 1
		Total	50.9603	\$104,28	\$1,059.3
	Decrease			(\$5.52)	(\$55.2)
	Decrease as a percent			(5 0%)	(5.0%
Immed on Con	nmercial GSS Customers		******		
impact on Con	umercian 222 customers			100 therm bill	
Current Prices	•				
	Customer Charge		\$25.00	\$25.00	
	Delivery		\$0.5591	\$55.91	
	BGSS	*	\$0.4493	\$44.93	
		Total	\$1,0084	\$125.84	•
Proposed pric	es- effective 10/1/14				
	Customer Charge		\$25.00	\$25.00	
	Delivery		\$0.5591	\$55.91	
	BGSS	-tr1-4	\$0.3941	\$39.41	
		Total	\$0.9532	\$120.32	•
	Decrease			(\$5.52)	

Projected Annual Post-tax BGSS, CIP, and WNC revenue BGSS projected annual therms

427,882 (000s)

	Projected	Projected Revenue at	
	Revenue at	Proposed Rates	Change
	Current Rates \$million	\$million	Change \$million
BGSS Impact	\$229.17	\$205.55	(\$23.62)
IMPACT	\$229.17	\$205.55	(\$23.62)

BPU No. 8 - Gas

<u>EightiethSeventy-Ninth Revised Sheet No. 155</u> Superseding Seventy-NinthEighth Revised Sheet No. 155

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BASIC GAS SUPPLY SERVICE - BGSS (Continued)

PERIODIC BASIC GAS SUPPLY SERVICE (BGSS) CHARGE¹

<u>CLASS</u>

APPLICATION

CHARGE

RS, GSS, and ED sales customers using less than 5,000 therms annually

Included in the Basic Gas Supply Charge

\$0.53560.4804 per

therm

BALANCING CHARGE

CLASS

APPLICATION

CHARGE

RS, GSS, GSL, DGC, ED

Included in the Delivery Charge

\$0.0863 per therm

MONTHLY BASIC GAS SUPPLY SERVICE (BGSS) CHARGE¹

CLASS

APPLICATION

GSL, FC and ED sales customers using 5,000 therms or greater annually

Included in the Basic Gas Supply Charge

Effective Date	Charge Per Therm
August 1, 2013	\$0.6303
September 1, 2013	\$0.6423
October 1, 2013	\$0.6324
November 1, 2013	\$0.6322
December 1, 2013	\$0.6744
January 1, 2014	\$0.7409
February 1, 2014	\$0.8704
March 1, 2014	\$0.7912
April 1, 2014	\$0.7572
May 1, 2014	\$0.7809
June 1, 2014	\$0.7611
July 1, 2014	\$0.7366
August 1, 2014	\$0.6706

¹ For billing purposes, the Periodic BGSS and Monthly BGSS charges are adjusted for Balancing Charges as presented in the Rate Summaries at the end of this Tariff.

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Twenty-Sixth-Fifth Revised Sheet No. 252
Superseding Twenty-Fifth-Fourth Revised Sheet No. 252

SUMMARY OF RESIDENTIAL RATE COMPONENTS

Customer Charge, DEL rate and BGS rate are presented on customer bills.

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SUMMARY OF RESIDENTIAL RATE COMPONENTS

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Twenty-Seventh Sixth Revised Sheet No. 255
Superseding Twenty-Sixth Fifth Revised Sheet No. 255

SUMMARY OF FIRM COMMERCIAL RATE COMPONENTS

General Service - Small (GSS)

Customer Charge Customer Charge per meter per month		Bundled Sales 25.00	Transport Sales 25.00	Reference
Delivery Charge ("DEL") per therm				
Transport Rate:				
Pre-tax Base Rate		0.2778	0.2778	
SUT		<u>0.0194</u>	0.0194	Rider B
After-tax Base Rate		0.2972	0.2972	
WNC		0.0000	0.0000	Rider D
CIP		0.0581	0.0581	Rider I
EE		0.0327	0.0327	Rider F
CNGC		0.0000	0.0000	Rider G
Total Transport Rate	a	0.3880	0.3880	
Balancing Charge	b	0.0863	0.0863	Rider A
Societal Benefits Charge ("SBC"):				
NJ's Clean Energy		0.0422	0.0422	Rider E
RA		0.0300	0.0300	Rider C
USF		0.0126	0.0126	Rider H
Total SBC	С	<u>0.0848</u>	<u>0.0848</u>	
Delivery Charge (DEL)	a+b+c=d	0.5591	0.5591	
Basic Gas Supply Charge ("BGS")				
Periodic BGSS	e	0.5356<u>0.4</u> 804	x	Rider A
Less: Balancing	f	0.0863	x	
BGS	e-f=g		x	
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With the exception of the Customer Charge, these rates are on a per-therm basis.

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SUMMARY OF RESIDENTIAL RATE COMPONENTS

Residential Non-Heating Customers

		Bundled Sales	Transport Sales	Reference
Customer Charge			***************************************	
Customer Charge per meter per month		8.25	8.25	
Delivery Charge ("DEL") per therm				
Transport Rate:				
Pre-tax Base Rate		0.3163	0.3163	
SUT		0.0221	0.0221	Rider B
After-tax Base Rate		0.3384	0.3384	
CIP		0.0049	0.0049	Rider I
EE		0.0327	0.0327	Rider F
CNGC		0.0000	0.0000	Rider G
Total Transport Rate	a	0.3760	0.3760	
Balancing Charge	b	0.0863	0.0863	Rider A
Societal Benefits Charge ("SBC"):				
NJ's Clean Energy		0.0422	0.0422	Rider E
RA		0.0300	0.0300	Rider C
USF		0.0126	<u>0.0126</u>	Rider H
Total SBC	c	0.0848	0.0848	
Delivery Charge (DEL)	a+b+c=d	0.5471	0.5471	
Basic Gas Supply Charge ("BGS")				
Periodic BGSS	e	0.4804	x	Rider A
Less: Balancing	f	0.0863	x	
BGS	e-f=g	0.3941	x	

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General Service - Small (GSS)

		Bundled Sales	Transport Sales	Reference
Customer Charge				
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Delivery Charge ("DEL") per therm				
Transport Rate:		•		
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