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**Re: In the Matter of the 2016/2017 Annual Compliance Filings for a Change in the
Statewide Electric and Gas Permanent Universal Service Fund Program Factors
Within the Electric and Gas Societal Benefits Charge Rates
BPU Docket No. ER16060536**

**In the Matter of the Petition of Pivotal Utilities Holdings, Inc. d/b/a Elizabethtown
Gas To Review Its Periodic Basic Gas Supply Service Rate
BPU Docket No. GR16060485**

Dear Secretary Asbury and Mr. Agee:

Enclosed is proof of service of the Notices of the Public Hearings in the above mentioned proceedings to the municipalities and counties in the Elizabethtown Gas service territory. Proof of publication in local newspapers of general circulation will be supplied at the Public Hearings.

Yours truly,

/s/ Mary Patricia Keefe

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STATE OF NEW JERSEY)
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Thomas Kaufmann, being duly sworn according to law, upon his oath deposes and says:

1. I hereby certify that on the 2nd day of August 2016, copies of the Notices of Public Hearings in the Matters of the Petitions in BPU Docket Nos. ER16060536 and GR16060485 for Pivotal Utility Holdings, Inc., d/b/a Elizabethtown Gas, were served on the 83 municipalities and 7 counties in which Elizabethtown Gas provides service. (See Municipal Service List attached.)
2. A copy of each Notice was placed in an envelope and mailed to their last known address or sent electronically to those providing an e-mail address.


Thomas Kaufmann

Sworn to and subscribed to before me this 4th day of August 2016.



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PIVOTAL UTILITY HOLDINGS, INC. D/B/A ELIZABETHTOWN GAS

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

**In the Matter of the 2016/2017 Annual Compliance Filings For A Change In
The Statewide Electric And Gas Permanent Universal Service Fund Program Factors
Within The Electric And Gas Societal Benefits Charge Rates
BPU Docket No. ER16060536**

TO OUR CUSTOMERS:

TAKE NOTICE that, pursuant to the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities' (Board) Orders dated April 30, 2003, July 16, 2003, June 30, 2004 and June 22, 2005, the State's electric and gas public utilities' Societal Benefits Charges include recovery of funding for the Universal Service Fund (USF) and Lifeline programs through uniform statewide rates. The USF program was established by the Board, pursuant to the Electric Discount and Energy Competition Act, N.J.S.A. 48:3-49, et seq., to provide funds to assist qualifying low-income individuals in paying their energy bills.

In its July 16, 2003 Order the Board established statewide rates through which funds for the USF and Lifeline programs are collected from customers of all of the electric and natural gas public utilities in the State through uniform rates, which rates became effective on August 1, 2003. The rates currently in effect were approved by the Board in its Order dated September 11, 2015.

Based upon the results known to date for the 2015/2016 USF program year and the available estimates for the 2016/2017 USF program year, it is anticipated that the USF gas rate should be set to collect approximately \$33.6 million from gas customers on a statewide basis. The July 16, 2003 Order also established the collection of funds to supplement Lifeline based on gas and electric utilities jurisdictional usages. The proposed statewide Lifeline gas rate is based on collecting approximately \$22.4 million from gas customers on a statewide basis for 2016/2017, which incorporates funds for the Work First NJ program.

The changes in rates inclusive of taxes and assessments are as follows: (i) the USF program charge will increase from \$0.0051 to \$0.0076 per therm and (ii) the Lifeline charge will decrease from \$0.0057 to \$0.0051 per therm for a total net increase of \$0.0019 per therm. The revenues received under the proposed USF charge are designed to permit the Company to recover its costs for the USF program only. Actual program costs will be reconciled with the revenues received through the USF program charge in the next scheduled filing to be made no later than July 1, 2017. The revenues received under the proposed Lifeline charge are remitted to the New Jersey Department of Treasury for use in funding the Lifeline and Work First NJ programs. The State of New Jersey's Department of Community Affairs is the Administrator of the USF program and the New Jersey Department of Human Services is the Administrator of the Lifeline and Work First NJ programs and authorizes the disbursement of benefits to eligible customers in the respective programs. The above request will not result in any profit to the Company.

The proposed statewide rates inclusive of taxes and assessments for customers are as follows:

**Universal Service/Lifeline Fund Components of the
Societal Benefits Charge**

	Present	Proposed
USF	\$0.0051	\$0.0076
Lifeline	\$0.0057	\$0.0051

If approved by the Board, the impact of the proposed rate changes on typical monthly residential gas bills for customers taking gas service under the Residential Delivery Service tariff is illustrated below:

Rate Impacts

<u>Consumption in Therms</u>	<u>Present Bill*</u>	<u>Proposed Bill</u>	<u>Change in Bill</u>	<u>Percent Change</u>
10	\$15.89	\$15.91	\$0.02	0.1%
50	\$47.46	\$47.55	\$0.09	0.2%
100	\$86.91	\$87.10	\$0.19	0.2%
250	\$205.28	\$205.75	\$0.47	0.2%

*For rates in effect on June 1, 2016 inclusive of taxes and assessments.

Stated another way, based on this filing, the bill of a typical residential gas customer using 100 therms per month would increase from \$86.91 to \$87.10, or \$0.19 or 0.2%.

The Board has the statutory authority to establish the USF and Lifeline charges at levels it finds just and reasonable. Therefore, the Board may establish the USF and Lifeline charges at levels other than those proposed by Elizabethtown.

Copies of the Company's June 23, 2016 filing are available for inspection at the Company offices located at 520 Green Lane, Union, New Jersey, or online at Elizabethtown's website: www.elizabethtowngas.com, or at the Board of Public Utilities, 44 South Clinton Avenue, 3rd Floor, Suite 314, Trenton, NJ.

The following dates, times and locations for public hearings have been scheduled on the above filing so that members of the public may present their views:

August 23, 2016 – 4:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.
Liberty Hall Corporate Center, 1085 Morris Avenue
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August 25, 2016 – 4:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.
Hunterdon County Complex, Building #1, 314 State Route 12
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The public is invited to attend and interested persons will be permitted to testify and/or make a statement of their views on the proposed rates. Information provided at the public hearings will become part of the record of this case and will be considered by the Board in making its decision. In order to encourage full participation in this opportunity for public comment, please submit any requests for needed accommodations, including interpreter, listening devices or mobility assistance, 48 hours prior to the hearing. In addition, members of the public may submit written comments concerning the petition to the Board of Public Utilities regardless of whether they attend the hearing by addressing them to: Irene Kim Asbury, Secretary, Board of Public Utilities, 44 South Clinton Avenue, 3rd Floor, Suite 314, P. O. Box 350, Trenton, NJ 08625-0350. Hearings will continue, if necessary, on such additional dates and at such locations as the Office of Administrative Law may designate in order to ensure that all interested persons may be heard.

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Re: In the Matter of the 2016/2017 Annual Compliance Filing for the Universal Service Fund and Lifeline Program Components Within the Societal Benefits Charge Rate Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:2-21 and N.J.S.A. 48:-21.1 Submitted by Pivotal Utility Holdings, Inc. d/b/a Elizabethtown Gas - BPU Docket No. _____

Dear Secretary Asbury:

Kindly accept for filing in letter form an original and ten copies of the Pivotal Utility Holdings, Inc. d/b/a Elizabethtown Gas (“Elizabethtown” or “Company”) 2016/2017 filing for the Company’s Universal Service Fund (“USF”) and Lifeline components of its Societal Benefits Charge (“SBC”) rate. This filing is made in compliance with the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities’ (“Board”) Orders in Docket No. EX00020091 dated April 30, 2003, July 16, 2003, June 30, 2004 and June 22, 2005. The change in rates inclusive of taxes and assessments are as follows: (i) the USF gas rate is proposed to increase from \$0.0051 to \$0.0076 per therm, and (ii) the Lifeline gas rate is proposed to decrease from \$0.0057 to \$0.0051 per therm, resulting in a combined USF/Lifeline factor of \$0.0127 per therm, for a total net increase of \$0.0019 per therm. The current rates, effective October 1, 2015, were approved by the Board in its Order dated September 11, 2015 in Docket No. ER15060732.

Based upon the actual results known to date for the 2015/2016 program year and the available estimates for the 2016/2017 program year, the proposed USF gas rate is designed to recover approximately \$33.6 million statewide. The proposed Lifeline gas rate is designed to recover approximately \$22.4 million statewide. The proposed rates are based on available gas jurisdictional usage estimates for 2016/2017. Attachment A of the PSE&G Compliance Filing, in this proceeding, presents the combined data of each of the State’s utilities used to develop the proposed USF and Lifeline gas rates. Note that Elizabethtown’s therms used to compute statewide rates exclude therms for wholesale sales used to generate electricity per the Senate Bill 2381, P.L. 2011 c.9 (“LCAPP Legislation”) signed into law on January 28, 2011.

The Company has appended proposed tariff sheets to reflect the proposed gas USF and Lifeline rates noted above as Attachment A. The proposed rates are designed to recover Elizabethtown's portion of the above-referenced 2016/2017 statewide total USF and Lifeline programs. Also enclosed is a proposed form of Notice of Public Hearings as Attachment B.

The proposed statewide rate changes inclusive of taxes and assessments are as follows:

	Present	Proposed
USF	\$0.0051	\$0.0076
Lifeline	\$0.0057	\$0.0051

The impact of the proposed rate changes on typical monthly residential gas bills for customers taking gas service under the Residential Delivery Service tariff are as follows:

Consumption in Therms	Present Bill*	Proposed Bill	Change in Bill	Percent Change
10	\$15.89	\$15.91	\$0.02	0.1%
50	\$47.46	\$47.55	\$0.09	0.2%
100	\$86.91	\$87.10	\$0.19	0.2%
250	\$205.28	\$205.75	\$0.47	0.2%

*For rates in effect on June 1, 2016 inclusive of taxes and assessments.

Accordingly, the Company respectively requests that the Board issue an Order approving the proposed statewide gas USF and Lifeline rates as shown in the proposed tariff sheets appended hereto as Attachment A effective for gas service rendered on and after October 1, 2016.

If you have any questions concerning the above, please contact Thomas Kaufmann at 908-662-8461.

Respectfully submitted,

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**PIVOTAL UTILITY HOLDINGS, INC. D/B/A ELIZABETHTOWN GAS
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS**

TO OUR CUSTOMERS:

On May 31, 2016, Pivotal Utility Holdings, Inc. d/b/a Elizabethtown Gas ("the Company" or "Elizabethtown"), filed a Petition with the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities ("BPU" or "Board") in Docket No. GR16060485 to review its Periodic Basic Gas Supply Service ("BGSS-P") rate. The Company has petitioned the BPU to decrease its current BGSS-P rate from \$0.4203 per therm to \$0.3954 per therm, inclusive of applicable taxes, a decrease of \$0.0249 per therm or 2.9% to the typical residential customer using 100 therms based on rates in effect June 1, 2016.

The proposed rates are subject to BPU approval and may be higher or lower depending on the Board's final determination and the date on which such rates are made effective. The overall percentage change in the affected rate schedule is as follows:

<u>Rate Schedule</u>	<u>Percentage Change</u>
Residential Service	(2.9%)

The effect of the Company's filing on typical residential gas bills is illustrated below:

<u>Consumption in</u>				
<u>Therms</u>	<u>Present Bill</u>	<u>Proposed Bill</u>	<u>Proposed Change</u>	<u>Percent Change</u>
10	\$15.89	\$15.64	(\$0.25)	(1.6%)
50	\$47.46	\$46.21	(\$1.25)	(2.6%)
100	\$86.91	\$84.42	(\$2.49)	(2.9%)
250	\$205.28	\$199.05	(\$6.23)	(3.0%)

These proposed rates may be subject to a self-implementing rate increase of up to 5% on December 1, 2016 and another 5% increase on February 1, 2017, upon 30 days written notice by Elizabethtown to the BPU and the Division of Rate Counsel. Should it become necessary to apply the self-implementing increase, the impact of this increase on December 1st on a typical residential customer using 100 therms per month would be an incremental increase of \$4.22, increasing the proposed bill from \$84.42 to \$88.64. Should it become necessary to apply a second self-implementing increase on February 1st, the incremental increase to a typical residential customer using 100 therms per month would be \$4.43, increasing the proposed bill from \$88.64 to \$93.07. Any assistance required by Customers in ascertaining the impact of the proposed rate increase will be provided by the Company on request.

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.

Copies of the Petition are available for inspection at the Company offices located at 520 Green Lane, Union, New Jersey, online at Elizabethtown's website: www.elizabethtowngas.com, and at the Board of Public Utilities, 44 South Clinton Avenue, 3rd Floor, Suite 314, Trenton, New Jersey.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that Public Hearings have been scheduled on the above mentioned Petition at the following times and places:

August 23, 2016 – 4:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.
Liberty Hall Corporate Center, 1085 Morris Avenue, Union, New Jersey 07083

August 25, 2016 – 4:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.
Hunterdon County Complex, Building #1, 314 State Route 12, Flemington, New Jersey 08822

The public is invited to attend and interested persons will be permitted to testify and/or make a statement of their views on the proposed rates. Information provided at the public hearings will become part of the record of this case and will be considered by the Board in making its decision. In order to encourage full participation in this opportunity for public comment, please submit requests for needed accommodations, including interpreter, listening devices and/or mobility assistance, 48 hours prior to the hearing. In addition, members of the public may submit written comments concerning the Petition to the BPU regardless of whether they attend the hearing by addressing them to: Irene Kim Asbury, Secretary, Board of Public Utilities, 44 South Clinton Avenue, 3rd Floor, Suite 314, P.O. Box 350, Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0350. Hearings will continue, if necessary, on such additional dates and at such locations as the Office of Administrative Law may designate in order to ensure that all interested persons may be heard.

**Pivotal Utility Holdings, Inc. d/b/a Elizabethtown Gas
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**Re: In The Matter Of The Petition Of Pivotal Utility Holdings, Inc. d/b/a
Elizabethtown Gas To Review Its Periodic Basic Gas Supply Service Rate
BPU Docket No. _____**

Dear Secretary Asbury:

Enclosed for filing are an original and ten copies of the Petition of Pivotal Utility Holdings, Inc. d/b/a Elizabethtown Gas (“Elizabethtown” or “Company”) to revise its Periodic Basic Gas Supply Service (“BGSS-P”) rate, as discussed below. Attached to and made part of the Petition are the testimony and supporting schedules of Company witnesses Thomas Kaufmann and Leonard J. Willey.

The Petition concerns the period October 1, 2016 through September 30, 2017 (“the BGSS Year”). Elizabethtown proposes to decrease its currently effective BGSS-P rate from \$0.4203 per therm to \$0.3954 per therm, inclusive of all taxes.

As discussed in the testimony attached to Elizabethtown’s Petition, the proposed decrease in the BGSS-P rate is due primarily to (i) lower gas costs and (ii) credits provided to the Company’s firm customers as a result of the Company’s outsourcing of its gas supply and upstream capacity management to Sequent Energy Management L.P. Elizabethtown projects that it will begin the BGSS Year with a gas cost underrecovery balance of approximately \$2.8 million.

Elizabethtown proposes an effective date of October 1, 2016 for the proposed rate change which will decrease the monthly bill of a typical residential customer using 100 therms by \$2.49 from \$86.91 to \$84.42, a decrease of 2.9% based on rates in effect June 1, 2016. In accordance with the terms of Elizabethtown's BGSS clause, the Company reserves the right to seek to implement provisional increases in its BGSS-P rate of up to 5% of a 100 therm residential total bill to be effective December 1, 2016 and February 1, 2017, if the Company determines that such increases are necessary to permit Elizabethtown to avoid a BGSS underrecovery balance at September 30, 2017.

Please contact the undersigned if you have any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

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Holdings, Inc. d/b/a Elizabethtown Gas To : **Docket No. GR**
Review Its Periodic Basic Gas Supply Service :
Rate : **SUMMARY SHEET**
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This Petition presents the request of Pivotal Utility Holdings, Inc. d/b/a Elizabethtown Gas (“Petitioner”) that the Board of Public Utilities approve Petitioner's Periodic Basic Gas Supply Service (“BGSS-P”) charge, and grant such other and further relief as described in the Petition.

The Petition proposes to decrease the BGSS-P rate from \$0.4203 per therm to \$0.3954 per therm.

The proposed BGSS-P rate will decrease the bill of a residential heating customer using 100 therms by \$2.49 from \$86.91 to \$84.42, a decrease of 2.9% based on rates in effect June 1, 2016.

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF
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