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VIA CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

TO: All Municipal Clerks in the South Jersey Gas Company Service Area and Freeholder Clerks of Atlantic County, Burlington County, Camden County, Cape May County, Cumberland County, Gloucester County, Salem County and County Executive of Atlantic County

**RE: IN THE MATTER OF SOUTH JERSEY GAS COMPANY'S 2020/2021 ANNUAL COMPLIANCE FILING FOR THE UNIVERSAL SERVICE FUND AND LIFELINE RATES WITHIN THE SOCIETAL BENEFITS CHARGE
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Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions you may have. Thank you for your attention.

Respectfully,

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The Company made a compliance filing with the Board on June 25, 2020, requesting a decrease related to the statewide USF/Lifeline program charge, as described below, to become effective on October 1, 2020 ("Filing"). Based upon the results and available estimates known to date for the 2019/2020 USF program year, and the available estimates for the 2020/2021 USF program year, it is anticipated that the USF rates will be set to collect \$125.6 million, of which, \$100.2 million would be recovered through electric rates with the remaining \$25.4 million recovered through gas rates on a statewide basis. The Lifeline rates are anticipated to collect \$74.6 million, of which \$50.0 million would be recovered through electric rates with the remaining \$24.6 million recovered through gas rates on a statewide basis.

The current after-tax USF/Lifeline program charge for natural gas customers is \$0.0121 per therm. The changes in rates inclusive of taxes are as follows: (i) the USF program charge will decrease from \$0.0066 to \$0.0059 per therm or (\$0.0007) per therm and (ii) the Lifeline charge will increase from \$0.0055 to \$0.0057 per therm or \$0.0002 per therm for a total net decrease of (\$0.0005) per therm. The proposed after-tax USF/Lifeline program charge will decrease to \$0.0116 per therm. The above request will not result in any profit to the Company. The revenues received under the proposed USF charge are designed to permit the Company to recover only its costs for the USF and Lifeline program. 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, 2021.

If approved by the Board, the impact of the proposed changes in the USF and Lifeline Charges on typical Residential and General Service customers using less than 5,000 therms per year is estimated to be as follows:

Residential Service (RSG)

| Therm Level | Bill as of June 25, 2020 | Bill as of October 1, 2020 | Dollar Decrease | Percent Decrease |
|-------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| 25 | \$43.22 | \$43.21 | (\$0.01) | (0.02%) |
| 100 | \$142.48 | \$142.43 | (\$0.05) | (0.04%) |
| 200 | \$274.83 | \$274.73 | (\$0.10) | (0.04%) |

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

| Therm Level | Bill as of June 25, 2020 | Bill as of October 1, 2020 | Dollar Decrease | Percent Decrease |
|-------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| 500 | \$629.85 | \$629.60 | (\$0.25) | (0.04%) |
| 1,000 | \$1,227.73 | \$1,227.23 | (\$0.50) | (0.04%) |
| 2,000 | \$2,423.51 | \$2,422.51 | (\$1.00) | (0.04%) |

Based upon this filing, the bill of a typical residential service gas customer using 100 therms per month would see a decrease in their monthly bill from \$142.48 to \$142.43, or (\$0.05) or approximately 0.04%.

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 South Jersey.

Copies of the Company's Filing are available for inspection at the Company offices located at One South Jersey Place, Atlantic City, New Jersey 08401, or online at South Jersey's Website at www.southjerseygas.com/About-South-Jersey-Gas/Regulatory-Compliance-Tariff-Information.aspx.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that due to the COVID-19 pandemic, a telephonic public hearing will be conducted on the following date and times so that members of the public may present their views on the Company's Filing:

Date: August 19, 2020

Public Hearing 1: 4:30 pm

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Access Code: 737 882 129#

A hearing officer designated by the Board will preside over the telephonic public hearing. Representatives of the Company, Board's Staff, and the New Jersey Division of Rate Counsel will also participate via phone in the public hearing. Members of the public are invited to listen and participate, by phone via the above designated dial-in number and passcode, and may express their views on this Filing. Any comments made will be 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 devices, 48 hours prior to the above hearings to the Board's Secretary at board.secretary@bpu.nj.gov. The Board is also accepting written and/or emailed comments. Although both will be given equal consideration, the preferred method of transmittal is via email to ensure timely receipt while the Board continues to work remotely due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Written comments may be submitted to the Board Secretary, Aida Camacho, at the Board of Public Utilities, 44 South Clinton Avenue, 9th Floor, P.O. Box 350, Trenton, NJ 08625-0350. Email comments should be submitted to: board.secretary@bpu.nj.gov. Please include the name of the petition and the docket number when submitting comments.

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**By: Melissa Orsen,
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B.P.U. Docket No. GR20060383

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, on June 1, 2020, South Jersey Gas Company (“South Jersey” or “Company”) filed its combined 2020-2021 Basic Gas Supply Service (“BGSS”) and Conservation Incentive Program (“CIP”) petition (“Petition”) with the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (“Board”). The BGSS component of the Petition was filed pursuant to the “Order Approving BGSS Price Structure” issued by the Board on January 6, 2003 in Docket No. GX01050304 (“Generic BGSS Order”). BGSS rates are designed to recover South Jersey’s cost of gas applicable to customers who purchase gas from South Jersey. The Company earns no profit from the BGSS. The CIP component of the Petition sought a price adjustment for all applicable service customers. The CIP is an incentive-based program that requires South Jersey to reduce gas supply related costs and limits recovery of non-weather related revenue loss to the level of gas supply costs savings achieved. Pursuant to its filing, South Jersey requested that the Board allow it to change its BGSS and CIP Charges.

The impact of the Company's combined proposals on the overall bill for gas service for a residential heating customer using 100 therms in a month would be a decrease of \$6.34, or 4.4 percent, resulting from South Jersey’s proposed: 1) BGSS decrease of \$14.58 per month, or 10.2 percent; 2) Rider “J” Balancing Service Clause - General Service (“BSC-GS”) increase of \$0.16, or 0.1%; and 3) CIP increase of \$8.08, or 5.7 percent.

Related to the Company’s Rider “I” Balancing Service Clause - Large Volume (“BSC-LV”), the Company proposes to increase its current Opt-Out after-tax per therm BSC-LV rate of \$0.002747 to \$0.002775, and to increase its current Non Opt-Out after-tax per therm BSC-LV rate of \$0.087115 to \$0.088685, which is equal to the Company’s proposed Rider “J” BSC-GS rate. All Balancing charge revenues from sales and transportation customers are credited to BGSS recoveries.

The chart below demonstrates the impact of the Periodic BGSS rate and the CIP rate changes:

| Customer Type | Therm Level | Rates | | Change | |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------|---------|
| | | Bill as of June 1, 2020 | Proposed Bill as of October 1, 2020 | Amount | Percent |
| Residential Heat Sales | 100 | \$142.48 | \$136.14 | (\$6.34) | (4.4)% |
| Residential Non-Heat Sales | 15 | \$28.39 | \$26.25 | (\$2.14) | (7.5)% |
| General Service | 500 | \$629.85 | \$582.66 | (\$47.19) | (7.5)% |
| General Service - LV | 15,646 | \$13,943.00 | \$14,024.74 | \$81.74 | 0.6% |

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that other changes in South Jersey’s price for BGSS service may also occur if South Jersey elects to adjust its BGSS rates upward upon 30 days’ notice to Board Staff and Rate Counsel, pursuant to the Generic BGSS Order in Docket No. GX01050304. Any such self-implementing increases will be limited to a maximum of 5 percent (5%) of the total residential bill, effective December 1, 2020, and to a maximum of five percent (5%) of the total residential bill, effective February 1, 2021, as demonstrated in the chart below.

| Customer Type | Therm Level | Rates | | Change | |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|----------------------------|---|---------|---------|
| | | Bill as of October 1, 2020 | Proposed Bill Including December and February 5 Percent Increases | Amount | Percent |
| Residential Heat Sales | 100 | \$136.14 | \$150.15 | \$14.01 | 10.3% |
| Residential Non-Heat Sales | 15 | \$26.25 | \$28.36 | \$2.11 | 8.0% |
| General Service | 500 | \$582.66 | \$652.72 | \$70.06 | 12.0% |
| General Service - LV | 15,646 | \$14,024.74 | \$14,024.74 | \$0 | 0% |

Further, these self-implementing increases will be provisional and subject to true-up in connection with the subsequent annual BGSS filing. Pursuant to the Generic BGSS Order, South Jersey is permitted to decrease its BGSS rate at any time upon five days' notice and supporting documentation to the Board and the Division of Rate Counsel.

The Board has the statutory authority to establish BGSS and CIP Charges at levels it finds just and reasonable. Therefore, the Board may establish BGSS and CIP Charges at levels other than those proposed by South Jersey. South Jersey's natural gas costs addressed in this Petition will 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 ADDITIONAL NOTICE that due to the COVID-19 state of emergency, a telephonic public hearing will be conducted on the following dates and times so that members of the public may present their views on the Company's filing. 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.

Date: August 19, 2020

Time 1: 4:30pm

Time 2: 5:30pm

Dial In: 1-866-984-3164

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Representatives of the Board's Staff and the Rate Counsel will participate in the telephonic public hearing. Members of the public are invited to participate by utilizing the Virtual Access Code information set forth above, and may express their views on this filing. Such comments will be made part of the final record of the proceeding to be considered by the Board. The Board is also accepting written and emailed comments. Although both will be given equal consideration, the preferred method of transmittal is via email to ensure timely receipt while the Board continues to work remotely due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Written comments may be submitted to the Board Secretary, Aida Camacho, at the Board of Public Utilities, 44 South Clinton Avenue, 9th Floor, P.O. Box 350, Trenton, NJ 08625-0350. Email comments should be submitted to: board.secretary@bpu.nj.gov. Please include the name of the petition and the docket number when submitting comments. Written and emailed comments will be provided the same weight as statements made at the hearings.

Hearings will continue, if necessary, on such additional dates and at such locations as the Board may designate, to ensure that all interested persons are heard.

SOUTH JERSEY GAS COMPANY

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IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF SOUTH JERSEY GAS COMPANY FOR APPROVAL OF BASE RATE ADJUSTMENTS PURSUANT TO THE STORM HARDENING AND RELIABILITY PROGRAM (“SHARP II”)

B.P.U. Docket No. GR20050325

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, on April 30, 2020, as modified on July 15, 2020, South Jersey Gas Company (“South Jersey” or “Company”) filed a petition (“Petition”) with the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (“Board”) seeking Board approval to increase base rates associated with the Company’s Storm Hardening and Reliability Program (“SHARP II”). The purpose of the SHARP II program is to improve the safety, redundancy, resiliency and integrity of South Jersey’s gas distribution system infrastructure in coastal areas, making it less susceptible to storm damage. The Board approved the SHARP II and the associated cost recovery mechanism on May 22, 2019 in Docket No. GO17111130 (“Order”). The Order authorized the Company to invest approximately \$100.25 million over a three (3)-year period, commencing June 1, 2018 and ending June 30, 2021, to enhance the safety and reliability of the Company’s system through four (4) targeted projects within the coastal regions: (1) Excess Flow Valve Installations; (2) the Absecon Island Loop Project; (3) the Ocean City Loop Project; and (4) the Brigantine Beach Project. The Order also authorized the Company to make annual filings with the Board to recover the costs associated with SHARP II investments, and to earn a return of those investments through annual adjustments to base rates. This Petition seeks Board approval to recover the revenue requirements associated with SHARP II projects placed in-service from July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020 which totaled approximately \$33.3 million with an October 1, 2020 rate effective date.

If the proposed increase is approved by the Board, the bill impacts on typical Residential and General Service customers using less than 5,000 therms per year is estimated to be as follows:

Residential Service (“RSG”)

| Therm Level | Bill as of June 1, 2020⁽¹⁾ | Bill as of October 1, 2020⁽²⁾ | Dollar Increase | Percent Increase |
|--------------------|--|---|------------------------|-------------------------|
| 25 | \$43.22 | \$43.47 | \$0.25 | 0.6% |
| 100 | \$142.48 | \$143.50 | \$1.02 | 0.7% |
| 200 | \$274.83 | \$276.87 | \$2.04 | 0.7% |

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

| Therm Level | Bill as of June 1, 2020⁽¹⁾ | Bill as of October 1, 2020⁽²⁾ | Dollar Increase | Percent Increase |
|--------------------|--|---|------------------------|-------------------------|
| 500 | \$629.85 | \$633.90 | \$4.05 | 0.6% |
| 1,000 | \$1,227.73 | \$1,235.83 | \$8.10 | 0.7% |
| 2,000 | \$2,423.51 | \$2,439.71 | \$16.20 | 0.7% |

(1) Based upon current Delivery Rates and Basic Gas Supply Service (BGSS) charges in effect October 1, 2019 and assumes that the customer receives BGSS service from South Jersey Gas.

(2) Same as (1) except includes base rate changes associated with SHARP II.

The following Rate Schedules will also be affected by the Company’s proposed base rate increase: General Service – Large Volume (“GSG-LV”), Comprehensive Firm Transportation Service (“CTS”), Large

Volume Service (“LVS”), Electric Generation Service (“EGS”), Electric Generation Service – Large Volume (“EGS-LV”), Natural Gas Vehicle Service (“NGV”), Yard Lights Service (“YLS”) and Street Lights Service (“SLS”).

The effect of the proposed increase would be an increase of \$1.02 or 0.7% for a residential customer using 100 therms of gas during the winter months.

Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:3-1, any relief determined by the Board to be just and reasonable may be allocated to customers in such manner, and in such amounts or percentages, as the Board may deem appropriate. The Board may authorize an increase on any customer class or group, or may exclude from increase any customer class or group, varying the percentage increase applicable. Therefore, the Board may approve a SHARP II base rate adjustment that is different than the rate proposed by South Jersey.

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| 2,000 | \$2,423.51 | \$2,451.82 | \$28.31 | 1.2% |

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The State of New Jersey's Department of Consumer Affairs is the Administrator of the USF Program. The New Jersey Department of Human Services is the Administrator of the Lifeline programs and authorizes the disbursement of benefits to eligible customers in the respective programs.

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The current after-tax USF/Lifeline program charge for natural gas customers is \$0.0121 per therm. The changes in rates inclusive of taxes are as follows: (i) the USF program charge will decrease from \$0.0066 to \$0.0059 per therm or (\$0.0007) per therm and (ii) the Lifeline charge will increase from \$0.0055 to \$0.0057 per therm or \$0.0002 per therm for a total net decrease of (\$0.0005) per therm. The proposed after-tax USF/Lifeline program charge will decrease to \$0.0116 per therm. The above request will not result in any profit to the Company. The revenues received under the proposed USF charge are designed to permit the Company to recover only its costs for the USF and Lifeline program. 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, 2021.

If approved by the Board, the impact of the proposed changes in the USF and Lifeline Charges on typical Residential and General Service customers using less than 5,000 therms per year is estimated to be as follows:

Residential Service (RSG)

| Therm Level | Bill as of June 25, 2020 | Bill as of October 1, 2020 | Dollar Decrease | Percent Decrease |
|-------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| 25 | \$43.22 | \$43.21 | (\$0.01) | (0.02%) |
| 100 | \$142.48 | \$142.43 | (\$0.05) | (0.04%) |
| 200 | \$274.83 | \$274.73 | (\$0.10) | (0.04%) |

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

| Therm Level | Bill as of June 25, 2020 | Bill as of October 1, 2020 | Dollar Decrease | Percent Decrease |
|-------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| 500 | \$629.85 | \$629.60 | (\$0.25) | (0.04%) |
| 1,000 | \$1,227.73 | \$1,227.23 | (\$0.50) | (0.04%) |
| 2,000 | \$2,423.51 | \$2,422.51 | (\$1.00) | (0.04%) |

Based upon this filing, the bill of a typical residential service gas customer using 100 therms per month would see a decrease in their monthly bill from \$142.48 to \$142.43, or (\$0.05) or approximately 0.04%.

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 South Jersey.

Copies of the Company's Filing are available for inspection at the Company offices located at One South Jersey Place, Atlantic City, New Jersey 08401, or online at South Jersey's Website at www.southjerseygas.com/About-South-Jersey-Gas/Regulatory-Compliance-Tariff-Information.aspx.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that due to the COVID-19 pandemic, a telephonic public hearing will be conducted on the following date and times so that members of the public may present their views on the Company's Filing:

Date: August 19, 2020

Public Hearing 1: 4:30 pm

Public Hearing 2: 5:30 pm

Dial In: 1-866-984-3164

Access Code: 737 882 129#

A hearing officer designated by the Board will preside over the telephonic public hearing. Representatives of the Company, Board's Staff, and the New Jersey Division of Rate Counsel will also participate via phone in the public hearing. Members of the public are invited to listen and participate, by phone via the above designated dial-in number and passcode, and may express their views on this Filing. Any comments made will be 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 devices, 48 hours prior to the above hearings to the Board's Secretary at board.secretary@bpu.nj.gov. The Board is also accepting written and/or emailed comments. Although both will be given equal consideration, the preferred method of transmittal is via email to ensure timely receipt while the Board continues to work remotely due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Written comments may be submitted to the Board Secretary, Aida Camacho, at the Board of Public Utilities, 44 South Clinton Avenue, 9th Floor, P.O. Box 350, Trenton, NJ 08625-0350. Email comments should be submitted to: board.secretary@bpu.nj.gov. Please include the name of the petition and the docket number when submitting comments.

SOUTH JERSEY GAS COMPANY

**By: Melissa Orsen,
President and Chief Operations Officer**

NOTICE OF FILING OF PETITION AND OF PUBLIC HEARING

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF SOUTH JERSEY GAS COMPANY TO REVISE THE LEVEL OF ITS BASIC GAS SUPPLY SERVICE (“BGSS”) CHARGE AND CONSERVATION INCENTIVE PROGRAM (“CIP”) CHARGE FOR THE YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2021

B.P.U. Docket No. GR20060383

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, on June 1, 2020, South Jersey Gas Company (“South Jersey” or “Company”) filed its combined 2020-2021 Basic Gas Supply Service (“BGSS”) and Conservation Incentive Program (“CIP”) petition (“Petition”) with the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (“Board”). The BGSS component of the Petition was filed pursuant to the “Order Approving BGSS Price Structure” issued by the Board on January 6, 2003 in Docket No. GX01050304 (“Generic BGSS Order”). BGSS rates are designed to recover South Jersey’s cost of gas applicable to customers who purchase gas from South Jersey. The Company earns no profit from the BGSS. The CIP component of the Petition sought a price adjustment for all applicable service customers. The CIP is an incentive-based program that requires South Jersey to reduce gas supply related costs and limits recovery of non-weather related revenue loss to the level of gas supply costs savings achieved. Pursuant to its filing, South Jersey requested that the Board allow it to change its BGSS and CIP Charges.

The impact of the Company’s combined proposals on the overall bill for gas service for a residential heating customer using 100 therms in a month would be a decrease of \$6.34, or 4.4 percent, resulting from South Jersey’s proposed: 1) BGSS decrease of \$14.58 per month, or 10.2 percent; 2) Rider “J” Balancing Service Clause - General Service (“BSC-GS”) increase of \$0.16, or 0.1%; and 3) CIP increase of \$8.08, or 5.7 percent.

Related to the Company’s Rider “I” Balancing Service Clause - Large Volume (“BSC-LV”), the Company proposes to increase its current Opt-Out after-tax per therm BSC-LV rate of \$0.002747 to \$0.002775, and to increase its current Non Opt-Out after-tax per therm BSC-LV rate of \$0.087115 to \$0.088685, which is equal to the Company’s proposed Rider “J” BSC-GS rate. All Balancing charge revenues from sales and transportation customers are credited to BGSS recoveries.

The chart below demonstrates the impact of the Periodic BGSS rate and the CIP rate changes:

| Customer Type | Therm Level | Rates | | Change | |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------|---------|
| | | Bill as of June 1, 2020 | Proposed Bill as of October 1, 2020 | Amount | Percent |
| Residential Heat Sales | 100 | \$142.48 | \$136.14 | (\$6.34) | (4.4)% |
| Residential Non-Heat Sales | 15 | \$28.39 | \$26.25 | (\$2.14) | (7.5)% |
| General Service | 500 | \$629.85 | \$582.66 | (\$47.19) | (7.5)% |
| General Service - LV | 15,646 | \$13,943.00 | \$14,024.74 | \$81.74 | 0.6% |

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that other changes in South Jersey’s price for BGSS service may also occur if South Jersey elects to adjust its BGSS rates upward upon 30 days’ notice to Board Staff and Rate Counsel, pursuant to the Generic BGSS Order in Docket No. GX01050304. Any such self-implementing increases will be limited to a maximum of 5 percent (5%) of the total residential bill, effective December 1, 2020, and to a maximum of five percent (5%) of the total residential bill, effective February 1, 2021, as demonstrated in the chart below.

| Customer Type | Therm Level | Rates | | Change | |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|----------------------------|---|---------|---------|
| | | Bill as of October 1, 2020 | Proposed Bill Including December and February 5 Percent Increases | Amount | Percent |
| Residential Heat Sales | 100 | \$136.14 | \$150.15 | \$14.01 | 10.3% |
| Residential Non-Heat Sales | 15 | \$26.25 | \$28.36 | \$2.11 | 8.0% |
| General Service | 500 | \$582.66 | \$652.72 | \$70.06 | 12.0% |
| General Service - LV | 15,646 | \$14,024.74 | \$14,024.74 | \$0 | 0% |

Further, these self-implementing increases will be provisional and subject to true-up in connection with the subsequent annual BGSS filing. Pursuant to the Generic BGSS Order, South Jersey is permitted to decrease its BGSS rate at any time upon five days' notice and supporting documentation to the Board and the Division of Rate Counsel.

The Board has the statutory authority to establish BGSS and CIP Charges at levels it finds just and reasonable. Therefore, the Board may establish BGSS and CIP Charges at levels other than those proposed by South Jersey. South Jersey's natural gas costs addressed in this Petition will 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 ADDITIONAL NOTICE that due to the COVID-19 state of emergency, a telephonic public hearing will be conducted on the following dates and times so that members of the public may present their views on the Company's filing. 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.

Date: August 19, 2020

Time 1: 4:30pm

Time 2: 5:30pm

Dial In: 1-866-984-3164

Conference ID: 737 882 129#

The Company's filing may be viewed on the South Jersey Gas website at www.southjerseygas.com/About-South-Jersey-Gas/Regulatory-Compliance-Tariff-Information.aspx.

Representatives of the Board's Staff and the Rate Counsel will participate in the telephonic public hearing. Members of the public are invited to participate by utilizing the Virtual Access Code information set forth above, and may express their views on this filing. Such comments will be made part of the final record of the proceeding to be considered by the Board. The Board is also accepting written and emailed comments. Although both will be given equal consideration, the preferred method of transmittal is via email to ensure timely receipt while the Board continues to work remotely due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Written comments may be submitted to the Board Secretary, Aida Camacho, at the Board of Public Utilities, 44 South Clinton Avenue, 9th Floor, P.O. Box 350, Trenton, NJ 08625-0350. Email comments should be submitted to: board.secretary@bpu.nj.gov. Please include the name of the petition and the docket number when submitting comments. Written and emailed comments will be provided the same weight as statements made at the hearings.

Hearings will continue, if necessary, on such additional dates and at such locations as the Board may designate, to ensure that all interested persons are heard.

SOUTH JERSEY GAS COMPANY

By: Melissa Orsen, President and Chief Operations Officer

NOTICE OF FILING OF PETITION AND OF PUBLIC HEARING

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF SOUTH JERSEY GAS COMPANY FOR APPROVAL OF BASE RATE ADJUSTMENTS PURSUANT TO THE STORM HARDENING AND RELIABILITY PROGRAM (“SHARP II”)

B.P.U. Docket No. GR20050325

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, on April 30, 2020, as modified on July 15, 2020, South Jersey Gas Company (“South Jersey” or “Company”) filed a petition (“Petition”) with the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (“Board”) seeking Board approval to increase base rates associated with the Company’s Storm Hardening and Reliability Program (“SHARP II”). The purpose of the SHARP II program is to improve the safety, redundancy, resiliency and integrity of South Jersey’s gas distribution system infrastructure in coastal areas, making it less susceptible to storm damage. The Board approved the SHARP II and the associated cost recovery mechanism on May 22, 2019 in Docket No. GO17111130 (“Order”). The Order authorized the Company to invest approximately \$100.25 million over a three (3)-year period, commencing June 1, 2018 and ending June 30, 2021, to enhance the safety and reliability of the Company’s system through four (4) targeted projects within the coastal regions: (1) Excess Flow Valve Installations; (2) the Absecon Island Loop Project; (3) the Ocean City Loop Project; and (4) the Brigantine Beach Project. The Order also authorized the Company to make annual filings with the Board to recover the costs associated with SHARP II investments, and to earn a return of those investments through annual adjustments to base rates. This Petition seeks Board approval to recover the revenue requirements associated with SHARP II projects placed in-service from July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020 which totaled approximately \$33.3 million with an October 1, 2020 rate effective date.

If the proposed increase is approved by the Board, the bill impacts on typical Residential and General Service customers using less than 5,000 therms per year is estimated to be as follows:

Residential Service (“RSG”)

| Therm Level | Bill as of June 1, 2020⁽¹⁾ | Bill as of October 1, 2020⁽²⁾ | Dollar Increase | Percent Increase |
|--------------------|--|---|------------------------|-------------------------|
| 25 | \$43.22 | \$43.47 | \$0.25 | 0.6% |
| 100 | \$142.48 | \$143.50 | \$1.02 | 0.7% |
| 200 | \$274.83 | \$276.87 | \$2.04 | 0.7% |

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

| Therm Level | Bill as of June 1, 2020⁽¹⁾ | Bill as of October 1, 2020⁽²⁾ | Dollar Increase | Percent Increase |
|--------------------|--|---|------------------------|-------------------------|
| 500 | \$629.85 | \$633.90 | \$4.05 | 0.6% |
| 1,000 | \$1,227.73 | \$1,235.83 | \$8.10 | 0.7% |
| 2,000 | \$2,423.51 | \$2,439.71 | \$16.20 | 0.7% |

(1) Based upon current Delivery Rates and Basic Gas Supply Service (BGSS) charges in effect October 1, 2019 and assumes that the customer receives BGSS service from South Jersey Gas.

(2) Same as (1) except includes base rate changes associated with SHARP II.

The following Rate Schedules will also be affected by the Company’s proposed base rate increase: General Service – Large Volume (“GSG-LV”), Comprehensive Firm Transportation Service (“CTS”), Large

Volume Service (“LVS”), Electric Generation Service (“EGS”), Electric Generation Service – Large Volume (“EGS-LV”), Natural Gas Vehicle Service (“NGV”), Yard Lights Service (“YLS”) and Street Lights Service (“SLS”).

The effect of the proposed increase would be an increase of \$1.02 or 0.7% for a residential customer using 100 therms of gas during the winter months.

Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:3-1, any relief determined by the Board to be just and reasonable may be allocated to customers in such manner, and in such amounts or percentages, as the Board may deem appropriate. The Board may authorize an increase on any customer class or group, or may exclude from increase any customer class or group, varying the percentage increase applicable. Therefore, the Board may approve a SHARP II base rate adjustment that is different than the rate proposed by South Jersey.

PLEASE TAKE ADDITIONAL NOTICE that due to the COVID-19 pandemic, a telephonic public hearing will be conducted on the following dates and times so that members of the public may present their views on the Company’s filing:

Date: August 19, 2020

Time 1: 4:30pm

Time 2: 5:30pm

Dial In: 1-866-984-3164

Conference ID: 737 882 129#

The Company’s filing may be viewed on the South Jersey Gas website at www.southjerseygas.com/About-South-Jersey-Gas/Regulatory-Compliance-Tariff-Information.aspx.

Representatives from the Company, Board Staff, and Rate Counsel will participate in the telephonic public hearing. Members of the public are invited to participate by utilizing the Dial In and Conference ID information set forth above, and may express their views on this filing. Such comments will be made part of the final record of the proceeding and will be considered by the Board. The Board is also accepting written and emailed comments. Although both will be given equal consideration, the preferred method of transmittal is via email to ensure timely receipt while the Board continues to work remotely due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Written comments may be submitted to the Board Secretary, Aida Camacho, at the Board of Public Utilities, 44 South Clinton Avenue, 9th Floor, P.O. Box 350, Trenton, NJ 08625-0350. Email comments should be submitted to: board.secretary@bpu.nj.gov. Please include the name of the petition and the docket number when submitting comments. Written and emailed comments will be provided the same weight as statements made at the hearings.

Hearings will continue, if necessary, on such additional dates and at such locations as the Board may designate, to ensure that all interested persons are heard.

SOUTH JERSEY GAS COMPANY

By: Melissa Orsen, President and Chief Operations Officer

NOTICE OF FILING OF PETITION AND OF PUBLIC HEARING

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF SOUTH JERSEY GAS COMPANY FOR APPROVAL OF BASE RATE ADJUSTMENTS PURSUANT TO THE ACCELERATED INFRASTRUCTURE REPLACEMENT PROGRAM (AIRP II)

B.P.U. Docket No. GR20050326

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, on April 30, 2020, as modified on July 15, 2020, South Jersey Gas Company (“South Jersey” or “Company”) filed a petition (“Petition”) with the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (“Board”) seeking Board approval to increase base rates associated with the Company’s Accelerated Infrastructure Replacement Program (“AIRP II”). The purpose of the AIRP II program is to continue to eliminate aging and leak prone materials and enhance the reliability and safety of the Company’s gas distribution system. The Board approved the AIRP II and the associated cost recovery mechanism on October 31, 2016 in Docket No. GR16020175 (“Order”). The Order authorized the Company to invest \$302.5 million, over a five-year period commencing October 1, 2016 and ending September 30, 2021, to replace cast iron and unprotected bare steel mains and associated services. The Order also authorized the Company to make annual filings with the Board to recover the costs associated with AIRP II project investments and to earn a return on and a return of those investments through annual adjustments to base rates. This Petition seeks Board approval to recover the revenue requirements associated with approximately \$58.8 million AIRP II projects placed in-service from July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020 with an October 1, 2020 rate effective date.

If the proposed increase is approved by the Board, the bill impacts on typical Residential and General Service customers using less than 5,000 therms per year is estimated to be as follows:

Residential Service (RSG)

| Monthly Therm Level | Monthly Bill as of June 1, 2020⁽¹⁾ | Monthly Bill as of October 1, 2020⁽²⁾ | Dollar Increase | Percent Increase |
|----------------------------|--|---|------------------------|-------------------------|
| 25 | \$43.22 | \$43.66 | \$0.44 | 1.0% |
| 100 | \$142.48 | \$144.26 | \$1.78 | 1.2% |
| 200 | \$274.83 | \$278.40 | \$3.57 | 1.3% |

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

| Monthly Therm Level | Monthly Bill as of June 1, 2020⁽¹⁾ | Monthly Bill as of October 1, 2020⁽²⁾ | Dollar Increase | Percent Increase |
|----------------------------|--|---|------------------------|-------------------------|
| 500 | \$629.85 | \$636.92 | \$7.07 | 1.1% |
| 1,000 | \$1,227.73 | \$1,241.89 | \$14.16 | 1.2% |
| 2,000 | \$2,423.51 | \$2,451.82 | \$28.31 | 1.2% |

(1) Based upon current Delivery Rates and Basic Gas Supply Service (“BGSS”) charges in effect October 1, 2019 and assumes that the customer receives BGSS service from South Jersey.

(2) Same as (1) except includes base rate changes associated with AIRP II.

The following Rate Schedules will also be affected by the Company’s proposed base rate increase: General Service – Large Volume (GSG-LV), Comprehensive Firm Transportation Service (CTS), Large Volume

Service (LVS), Electric Generation Service (EGS), Electric Generation Service – Large Volume (EGS-LV), Natural Gas Vehicle Service (NGV), Yard Lights Service (YLS) and Street Lights Service (SLS).

The effect of the proposed increase would be an increase of \$1.78 or 1.2% for a residential customer using one hundred (100) therms of gas during the winter months.

Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:3-1, any relief determined by the Board to be just and reasonable may be allocated to customers in such manner, and in such amounts or percentages, as the Board may deem appropriate. The Board may authorize an increase on any customer class or group or may exclude from increase any customer class or group, varying the percentage increase applicable. Therefore, the Board may approve an AIRP II base rate adjustment that is different than the rate proposed by South Jersey.

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