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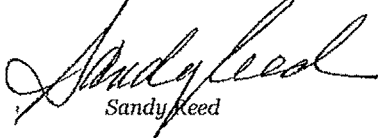
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**NOTICE OF FILING OF PETITION OF SOUTH JERSEY GAS COMPANY
FOR APPROVAL OF INCREASED BASE TARIFF RATES AND CHARGES
FOR GAS SERVICE, CHANGES TO DEPRECIATION RATES AND OTHER
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BPU Docket No. GR20030243

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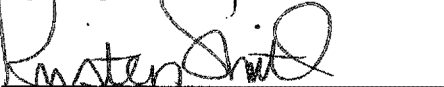
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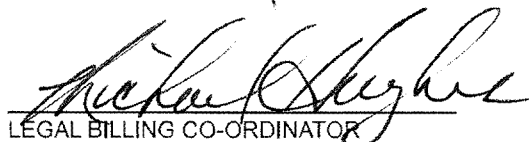
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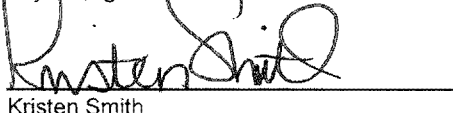
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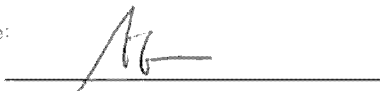
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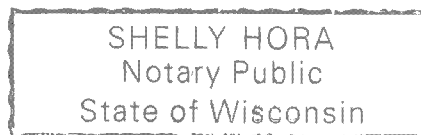
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The Office of Administrative Law and the Board is also accepting written comments. Written comments should be submitted to the Honorable Tricia M. Caliguire, ALJ, The Office of Administrative Law, P.O. Box 49, Trenton, NJ 08625-0049.

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The actual percent increase to specific customers will vary according to the applicable rate schedule and the level of the customer's usage. The rate changes proposed in the Petition will result in a rate increase for a typical residential customer using 100 therms of gas per month of \$19.85 or 13.7%. The typical commercial customer using 500 therms of gas per month would receive a decrease of \$11.25 or 1.8%. Moreover, any rate relief found by the Board to be just and reasonable may be allocated by the Board and applied by the Company to any class or classes of customers or any rate schedule or rate schedules as the Board may determine so that final rates approved by the Board in this proceeding for any specific customer class or rate schedule may be higher or lower than those set forth herein.

The chart below demonstrates the impact of the proposed rates on select customer classes experiencing rate changes to which an allocation of base revenue has been proposed. The chart below compares the rates proposed in the Company's Petition to those that would otherwise be in effect on October 1, 2020, after giving effect to the Company's CIP, SHARP II and AIRP II roll-ins in accordance with the Board Orders approving these programs outside of this base rate case.

| Customer Class | Therm Level | Rates | | Change | |
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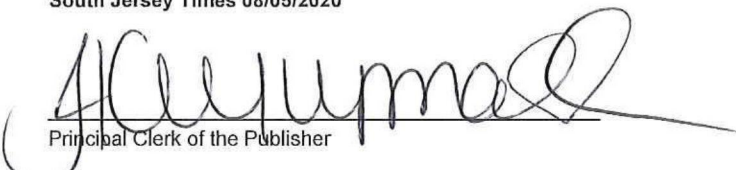
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PUBLIC NOTICE

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