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February 11, 2021

**VIA E-MAIL ONLY**

Ms. Aida Camacho-Welch  
Secretary of the Board  
State of New Jersey  
44 South Clinton Avenue, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Suite 314  
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**RE: In the Matter of the Petition of South Jersey Gas Company for Approval of a  
Municipal Franchise in the Township of Southampton, Burlington County  
BPU Dkt. No. \_\_\_\_\_**

Dear Ms. Camacho-Welch:

Enclosed please find an electronic copy of a petition being filed on behalf of South Jersey Gas Company ("SJG") for the approval of a municipal franchise for the Township of Southampton, Burlington County. Due to the pandemic, and in accordance with the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities ("BPU") March 19, 2020 and May 20, 2020 Orders issued in BPU Docket No. EO20030254, hard copies are not being provided at this time, but can be provided at a later time, as needed. I have included a copy of the municipal consent, acceptance of the terms and conditions and a copy of a proposed public notice.

By copy of this letter, copies of the motion are being forwarded on this date via electronic mail to all persons whose name appears on the attached Service List. Kindly acknowledge receipt of this filing.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at [vmcpherson@sjindustries.com](mailto:vmcpherson@sjindustries.com) or (609) 561-9000, ext. 4794. Thank you.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "V-L McPherson III". The signature is stylized with a large "V" and "L" at the beginning, followed by "McPherson" and "III" at the end.

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VLM/cmm

cc: Attached Service List (E-Mail Only)

**IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF  
SOUTH JERSEY GAS COMPANY FOR  
APPROVAL OF A MUNICIPAL FRANCHISE  
IN THE TOWNSHIP OF SOUTHAMPTON  
BURLINGTON COUNTY**

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**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**  
**BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES**

<b>IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF</b>	)	
<b>SOUTH JERSEY GAS COMPANY FOR</b>	)	
<b>APPROVAL OF A MUNICIPAL FRANCHISE</b>	)	<b>BPU DKT. _____</b>
<b>IN THE TOWNSHIP OF SOUTHAMPTON</b>	)	
<b>BURLINGTON COUNTY</b>	)	<b>PETITION</b>

**TO: THE HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS OF  
THE BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES**

This petition presents the request of South Jersey Gas Company (“Petitioner”) for the Board of Public Utilities to approve a municipal consent in the Township of Southampton, Burlington County, New Jersey. The Borough has granted the franchise consent by ordinance subject to the approval of the Board of Public Utilities.

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES**

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<b>BURLINGTON COUNTY</b>	)	<b>PETITION</b>

**TO: THE HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS OF  
THE BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES**

By this petition, South Jersey Gas Company (“SJG” or “the Company”), hereby requests that the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (“BPU” or “the Board”) pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:2-14 and N.J.A.C. 14:1-5.5. approve the franchise granted by the Township of Southamptn, Burlington County, New Jersey. In support of its petition, SJG states the following:

1. Copies of all correspondence and other communications relating to this proceeding should be addressed to:

Deborah M. Franco, Esq.  
VP, Rates, Regulatory Affairs, & Sustainability  
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2. SJG is a corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of New Jersey and is a public utility engaged in the in the purchase, distribution, and sale of natural gas for approximately 400,000 customers located within the state. The Company's principal place of business is located at 1 South Jersey Place, Atlantic City, NJ 08401. SJG distributes natural gas to residential, commercial, and industrial customers in Atlantic, Burlington, Camden, Cape May, Cumberland, Gloucester, and Salem counties.

3. SJG has received interest from area residents wishing to receive natural gas service for home heating purposes. A copy of the municipal consent of Southampton Township is attached as Exhibit A. A letter accepting the terms and conditions pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:3-16 is attached as Exhibit B and a proposed public notice is attached as Exhibit C.

4. N.J.S.A. 48:2-14 requires Board approval of a franchise granted by a municipality to a public utility subject to the Board's jurisdiction. The franchise, which is the subject matter of this petition, complies with all statutory and administrative requirements necessary for its approval. The Board's approval of the franchise is necessary and proper for the public convenience and properly conserves the public interests.

**WHEREFORE**, SJG respectfully requests that the Board:

- (1) Approve the franchise granted to South Jersey Gas Company by the Township of Southampton; and
- (2) Providing such further relief in connection therewith as is deemed reasonable, just, and consistent with the foregoing.

SOUTH JERSEY GAS COMPANY

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "V L McPherson, III", is written over a horizontal line.

Van L. McPherson, III, Esq.



VERIFICATION

STATE OF NEW JERSEY )

COUNTY OF ATLANTIC )

Todd Gordon, being duly sworn, deposes and says:

1. I am Director, Business Development for South Jersey Gas Company at 1 South Jersey Place, Atlantic City, N.J. 08401.
2. I have read the foregoing Petition, know the contents thereof, and the same is true to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief.

Todd Gordon

Todd Gordon

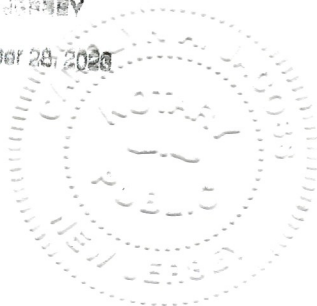
Sworn to before me this 8<sup>th</sup> day of February 2021.

Carolyn A. Jacobs

CAROLYN A. JACOBS  
Notary Public

NOTARY PUBLIC OF NEW JERSEY

My Commission Expires October 28, 2026



# Exhibit A

## **PETITION FOR MUNICIPAL FRANCHISE**

### **TO THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SOUTHAMPTON**

Petitioner, South Jersey Gas Company ("South Jersey Gas" or "Company"), a public utility corporation of the state of New Jersey respectfully shows:

1. Petitioner is a corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of New Jersey, and is a public utility engaged in distribution of natural and mixed gas, subject to the jurisdiction of the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities ("NJBPU" or "the Board"). The principal business office of the petitioner is 1 South Jersey Place, Atlantic City, New Jersey 08401.

2. Communications and correspondence relating to the proceeding herein should be sent as follows:

Van L. McPherson, III, Esquire  
SOUTH JERSEY GAS  
1 South Jersey Place  
Atlantic City, NJ 08401

3. Petitioner is engaged in the business of transmitting and distributing natural and mixed gas to approximately 400,000 customers within its service area located principally in Atlantic, Cape May, Cumberland, Salem, Gloucester, Camden, and Burlington Counties.

4. The Township of Southampton, in the County of Burlington, New Jersey is not served with gas under a franchise consent by South Jersey Gas.

5. South Jersey Gas currently serves other communities within Burlington County.

6. South Jersey Gas respectfully requests permission to convey, supply and distribute gas for light, heat, power and other purposes for public and private use and consumption along and under all the streets, avenues, alleys, parks, parkways, highways or other

public places within the Township as they now exist or may be hereinafter laid out by the municipal authorities of the said Township or dedicated to said Township of Southampton.

7. The form of Ordinance annexed hereto as Schedule A has been submitted to the Honorable Mayor and Township Committee for their consideration. By the terms of such Ordinance, South Jersey Gas would agree to restore at its own expense all such streets, avenues, parks, parkways, highways, sidewalks, grass plots, curbs or other public place to their pre-existing condition at the commencement of any said work; said work shall be done in a careful, prudent and workmanlike manner and within such a time as shall be best for the proper restoration thereof.

8. South Jersey Gas would agree to give notice to the Township Committee or its duly authorized officials, of its intentions to open or excavate a street or other public place as aforesaid, and would agree to abide by any Ordinance now existing or hereafter passed which regulates the excavation and opening of streets, roads or highways.

9. The work of laying or repairing gas mains and/or distribution lines and laterals shall be done by the Company in a careful, prudent and workmanlike manner at its own expense.

10. South Jersey Gas would, at all times, protect and save harmless the Township of Southampton from any and all damages to person or property and from any and all actions, costs or claims which may be caused by or out of, relate to or result from the Company's negligence in construction, laying, repairing, inspecting, altering or maintaining of mains, conductors, pipes and appurtenances thereto.

11. South Jersey Gas would agree to execute and file with the Clerk of the Township its bond in the penal sum of Ten Thousand (\$10,000.00) Dollars in satisfactory form,

guaranteeing its performance of the conditions of the Ordinance which may be enlarged or renewed from time to time as the Township Committee may require.

Respectfully submitted,

Van L. McPherson, III, Esquire

## **TOWNSHIP OF SOUTHAMPTON**

### **ORDINANCE 2020-10**

#### **AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SOUTHAMPTON GRANTING MUNICIPAL CONSENT TO SOUTH JERSEY GAS COMPANY TO CONSTRUCT, MAINTAIN AND OPERATE A GAS LINE FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF NATURAL AND MIXED GAS.**

**WHEREAS**, South Jersey Gas Company, a Corporation of the State of New Jersey and a public utility subject to the jurisdiction of the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities, filed a Petition with the Township of Southampton seeking Municipal Consent to construct, operate and maintain natural and mixed gas distribution lines for public and private consumption throughout the Township of Southampton.

**WHEREAS**, Representatives of the Petitioner appeared before the Southampton Township Committee on 8/18/2020 to present their general plans for extension of gas lines within the Township as the need arose; and

**WHEREAS**, the Petitioner has provided public notice of such Petition through publication in the official newspaper of the Municipality and by posting notice of such Petition pursuant to Statute.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Southampton.

#### Section I. Grant of Municipal Consent.

Pursuant to N.J.S.A., 48:3-11, the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Southampton hereby grant South Jersey Gas Company, a Corporation of the State of New Jersey (hereinafter "South Jersey Gas") with principal offices located at 1 South Jersey Gas Place, Atlantic City, NJ 08401 its successors and assigns, a non-exclusive consent, right and privilege for the use, without impairment of, or obstruction to the public use, of the roads, streets, parks, avenues, ways, and other public places of the Township of Southampton to construct, lay, maintain, and operate for a period of fifty (50) years, the necessary mains, conductors, pipes and concomitant appurtenances for the purpose of conveying, storing, supplying and distributing natural and mixed gas for heat, power, light and other purposes for public and private use and consumption, along in, or under the following described service area: all the streets, avenues, alleys, parks, parkways, highways, or other public places within the Township as they now exist or may be hereinafter be laid out by the municipal authorities of the said Township or dedicated to said Township.

#### Section II. Conditions on Grant of Municipal Consent.

The Municipal Consent granted herein is expressly conditioned upon the following:

- (a) the written acceptance of South Jersey Gas of the terms and conditions of this municipal Consent Ordinance within thirty (30) days of its final

adoption.

- (b) the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (hereinafter "N.J.B.P.U.") approval of the Consent herein granted and the issuance of such other grants or approvals as determined by the N.J.B.P.U.
- (c) South Jersey Gas shall satisfy all Statutory requirements of N.J.S.A. 48:13-1 et seq. regarding the proper organization and operation of a Public Utilities engaged in the distribution of natural and mixed gas, and shall remain subject to the jurisdiction of and comply with all Rules and Regulations of the United States Department of Transportation, Office of Pipeline Safety and the N.J.B.P.U. as well as the Ordinance of the Township of Southampton.
- (d) South Jersey Gas shall construct and continuously maintain and operate their distribution line within the service area in a safe and efficient manner, and maintain such gas distribution lines in a state of good operation and repair and including all streets, roads, and public rights-of-way within the Township of Southampton wherein its lines are located.
- (e) the construction, operation and maintenance of the gas distribution system within the rights-of-way of the Township of Southampton shall in no way place any obligation, financial or otherwise, or any liability of any kind, upon the Township of Southampton and no obligation is to attach for the construction, operation and maintenance of the said gas distribution system to the Township.
- (f) any and all regulating pits and venting structures or like facilities shall not be located along the public rights-of-way comprising the Service Area.

Section III. Construction; Installation; Restoration.

- A. Construction. In each and every case in which road openings or excavation of any nature are required or made for the purposes aforesaid, South Jersey Gas shall restore, all such public and private lands or facilities to as good a condition as existed at the commencement of the said work or such better condition, at its sole cost and expense. All such openings and installation and maintenance shall be undertaken in strict compliance with the standards imposed by the N.J.B.P.U., any other regulatory agency, and all applicable Township Ordinances, with such work to be done in a careful, prudent and workmanlike manner, and within such time limitations as shall be best for the proper safeguard of the public.
- B. Relocation. If at any time during the period of this Municipal



consent, the Township of Southampton finds it necessary to alter or change the grade of any street, road or other public right-of-way or area, South Jersey Gas shall, upon reasonable notice by the Municipality, remove and relocate its distribution line and pipes at the expense of South Jersey Gas.

- C. Restoration. In the event that South Jersey Gas shall refuse or neglect, after ten (10) days notice in writing by the representative of the Township, that is, the Township Clerk or Township Engineer, to restore any disturbed area at its cost and expense, and in compliance with all applicable Municipal Ordinances in effect at the time, to its pre-existing or better condition, any street, road, pavement, driveway or other reserves after having made an opening or excavation, the necessary work to accomplish such restoration may be done by the Township of Southampton, and thereafter, South Jersey Gas shall be liable for the actual and necessary costs thereof, and shall immediately pay such costs to the Township upon receiving notice thereof.
- D. Preconditions to Undertaking Construction. South Jersey Gas shall give to the Township of Southampton, through its duly designated representative, written notice of its intention to open or excavate any street or other public place in accordance with the Township of Southampton's Ordinance regulating the excavation and opening of streets, roads and highways, with the exception that such notice requirement shall be waived in the event of an emergent circumstance such that such emergency will affect public health or safety. As soon as practically possible after the occurrence of such emergent circumstance, South Jersey Gas shall give prompt written notice to the Township of any emergency opening or excavation that South Jersey Gas shall undertake.

#### Section IV. Indemnification, Performance Bond, Liability.

- A. Indemnification. South Jersey Gas, its successors and assigns, by the acceptance of the grants, rights and privileges conferred by this ordinance, shall at all times and does hereby and will indemnify and hold harmless, the Township of Southampton and all of its subsidiary agencies, officials and employees for any and all claims of whatsoever kind or nature arising from or relating to the construction, installation, maintenance, laying, repairing, inspecting, or altering of maintains conductors, pipes and appurtenances thereto, and any other facilities, and including, but not by way of limitation, any damages, penalties, costs, attorney's fees and charges for personal injury, property damage or otherwise, based upon South Jersey Gas's negligence or the negligence of its agents, servants, employees or independent contractors.



- B. Performance Bond. Prior to the commencement or any construction or installation under this Municipal Consent, South Jersey Gas shall execute and deliver to the Clerk of the Township and subject to prior review and approval by the Township Attorney, a Bond in the amount of \$10,000.00 guaranteeing the faithful performance of all of its obligations and undertakings under this Ordinance, which Bond shall be enlarged or renewed from time to time as the Committee may require.
- C. Liability Insurance. South Jersey Gas agrees to maintain and keep in full force and effect, at its sole expense, and at all times during the terms and duration of this Municipal Consent, sufficient liability insurance naming the Township of Southampton as an additional insured party, and insuring and indemnifying the Township against any loss by any such claim, suite, judgment, execution or as follows:
  - (a) South Jersey Gas shall carry Workman's Compensation Insurance with Statutory limits.
  - (b) South Jersey Gas shall at all times, maintain a Comprehensive General Liability Insurance Policy with a single limit amount of \$1,000,000.00 covering liability for any death, personal injury, property damage or other liability arising out of its construction and operation of the gas distribution systems herein and in addition, an excess liability (or "umbrella") policy in the amount of \$3,000,000.00.
  - (c) South Jersey Gas shall furnish to the Township of Southampton a certified copy or Certificate of Insurance of each of the Policies as set forth herein.

Section V. Duration of Consent.

- A. Term. The Limited Municipal consent granted to South Jersey Gas herein is for a period of fifty (50) years from the effective date of this Ordinance.
- B. Public Hearing. Immediately prior to the fifty (50) year expiration of this Consent, the Township of Southampton shall conduct public hearings regarding the performance of South Jersey Gas with the terms of this Municipal Consent. The public hearing shall be duly advertised and shall provide any opportunity for all interested persons to participate.

- C. Extension. Upon the conclusion of the public hearings as set forth herein, the Township of Southampton shall consider such extension and such additional conditions as the record of the public hearings may warrant.
- D. Notice of Proceedings. South Jersey Gas shall give the Municipality timely written notice of at least fifteen (15) days in advance of all proceedings initiated by South Jersey Gas or the N.J.B.P.U. or other Regulatory Agency, when such proceedings may affect the commitments, this Municipal Consent or relationship between South Jersey Gas and the Municipality, whether or not such notice is required by law. All submissions provided to such Regulatory Agency by South Jersey Gas shall also be provided to the Township of Southampton.

Section VI. Severability.

If the provision of any article, section, subsection, paragraph, subdivision or clause of this Ordinance shall be judged invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, such Order or Judgment shall not effect or invalidate this remainder of any such article, section, subsection, paragraph or clause, and, to this end, the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable.

Section VII. Effective Date.

This Municipal Consent Ordinance shall become effective upon adoption and publication according to law, and only upon written acceptance of this Municipal Consent by South Jersey Gas, which written consent shall be filed with the Clerk of the Municipality within thirty (30) days of the date after which South Jersey Gas receives notice of the passage of this Ordinance.

**ACTION ON INTRODUCTION:**

Motion made by: Heston  
Motion seconded by: Rafferty

**VOTE:**

Committeeman Heston:	<u>Yes</u>	No	Abstain	Not Present
Deputy Mayor Rafferty:	<u>Yes</u>	No	Abstain	Not Present
Committeewoman Rossell:	<u>Yes</u>	No	Abstain	Not Present
Committeeman Young, Sr.:	Yes	No	Abstain	<u>Not Present</u>
Mayor Mikulski:	<u>Yes</u>	No	Abstain	Not Present

**ACTION ON ADOPTION (after public hearing)**

Motion made by: Heston  
Motion seconded by: Rossell

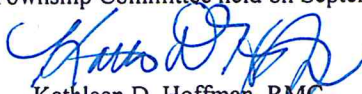
**VOTE:**

Committeeman Heston:	<u>Yes</u>	No	Abstain	Not Present
Deputy Mayor Rafferty:	<u>Yes</u>	No	Abstain	Not Present
Committeewoman Rossell:	<u>Yes</u>	No	Abstain	Not Present
Committeeman Young, Sr.:	<u>Yes</u>	No	Abstain	Not Present
Mayor Mikulski:	<u>Yes</u>	No	Abstain	Not Present

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**CERTIFICATION**

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true copy of the ordinance that was introduced after first reading at a meeting of the Southampton Township Committee held on August 18, 2020 and adopted after a public hearing at a meeting of the Southampton Township Committee held on September 15, 2020.

  
Kathleen D. Hoffman, RMC  
Township Clerk/Administrator

# Exhibit B



**Van L. McPherson III, Esquire**  
Assistant General Counsel  
*Office of General Counsel*

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September 30, 2020

Ms. Kathleen Hoffman  
Southampton Township Administrator/Clerk  
5 Retreat Road  
Southampton, New Jersey 08088

**RE: South Jersey Gas – Franchise in Township of Southampton**

Dear Ms. Hoffman:

In accordance with N.J.S.A. 48:3-16, I hereby notify you on behalf of South Jersey Gas Company (SJG) that SJG accepts the terms of the Ordinance granting SJG a municipal consent to provide natural gas service to the Township of Southampton, which Ordinance was adopted at the September 15, 2020 meeting.

So that SJG can process the application with the BPU, kindly forward when available: (i) a certified copy of the Ordinance and Minutes of the meetings evidencing the first reading, second reading and adoption of the Ordinance; (ii) proof of publication of the Ordinance for the second reading; (iii) proof of publication of the Notice of Adoption; and (iv) certification of the posting of the Petition.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Very truly yours,

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[vmcpherson@sjindustries.com](mailto:vmcpherson@sjindustries.com)

# Exhibit C



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February 5, 2021

**VIA E-MAIL ONLY**

Ms. Kathleen Hoffman, Administrator/Clerk  
Southampton Township  
5 Retreat Road  
Southampton, New Jersey 08088

Eve Cullinan, County Administrator  
Burlington County Administration Building  
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Room 123  
Mount Holly, NJ 08060

Erin M. Kelly, Clerk of the Board of Commissioners  
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Mount Holly, NJ 08060

**RE: In the Matter of the Petition of South Jersey Gas Company for Approval of a  
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BPU Dkt. No. \_\_\_\_\_**

Dear Ms. Hoffman, Ms. Cullinan, and Ms. Kelly:

Pursuant to the provision of N.J.S.A. 48:12-14, South Jersey Gas Company ("SJG") has applied to the new Jersey Board of Public Utilities ("the Board") for approval of the Township of Southampton's Ordinance, which grants SJG permission to serve natural gas within its community as provided in said Ordinance.

Please be advised the Board has set \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, 2021 at \_\_\_\_ a.m. at the Board's ten-floor offices located 44 South Clinton Avenue, Trenton, New Jersey 07102 in the Legal Conference Room as the time and place for the hearing on this matter. This matter may be held virtually due to the pandemic at \_\_\_\_\_. You are welcome to attend and place your views on the record if you desire.

Very truly yours,

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