

July 25, 2022

Carmen Diaz, Acting Secretary N.J. Board of Public Utilities 44 South Clinton Avenue, 1st Floor Post Office Box 350 Trenton, NJ 08625-0350

Re: New Jersey Natural Gas Company

Universal Service Fund

Quarterly Report

June 2022

BPU Docket No. EX00020091

#### Dear Acting Secretary Diaz:

Pursuant to the above, attached is the New Jersey Natural Gas Company's Universal Service Fund report for the quarter ended June 30, 2022. Electronic copies of the attached schedules have already been provided to Richard Lambert.

In accordance with the Order issued by the Board in connection with I/M/O the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities' Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic for a Temporary Waiver of Requirements for Certain Non-Essential Obligations, BPU Docket No. EO20030254, Order dated March 19, 2020, this document is being electronically filed. No paper copies will follow. Thank

If you have any questions or comments, please email Marianne Harrell at MHarrell@njng.com.

Very truly yours,

Mark G. Kahrer

Senior Vice President – Regulatory Affairs, Marketing

and Energy Efficiency

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#### Attachments

C: Alice Bator, BPU Robert Brabston, BPU Maureen Clerc, BPU William Foley, BPU Richard Lambert, BPU Tony Iskander, BPU Elizabeth Lawrence, BPU Maura Caroselli, RC Brian Lipman, RC Sarah Steindel, RC

STATE OF NEW JERSEY )

SS :

COUNTY OF MONMOUTH )

### **VERIFICATION**

MARK G. KAHRER, being duly sworn according to law, upon his oath, deposes and says that:

- 1. I am the Senior Vice President Regulatory Affairs, Marketing and Energy Efficiency for New Jersey Natural Gas Company and I am authorized to make this affidavit on behalf of New Jersey Natural Gas Company.
- 2. The attached schedules correctly portray the information set forth therein, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

MARK G. KAHRER

Sworn and subscribed before me this

25th day of July 2022

Andrew K. Dembia

ATTORNEY AT LAW

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

## **New Jersey Natural Gas USF 3rd Quarter Report 2022**

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Number of USF Customers	16.074															
Customers	10,074	average														
Distribution of Benefit		\$25.01 to \$50.00	\$50.01 to \$75.00		\$100.01 to \$125.00	\$125.010 to \$150.00	Greater than \$150.00	Total								
Dollars	\$250,867	\$313,283	\$286,644	\$188,173	\$102,907	\$48,265	\$38,830	\$1,228,970								
Number of Customers	31,693	8,556	4,702	2,186	935	357	229	48,658								
Distribution of Fresh Start		\$5.00 to \$25.00	\$25.01 to \$50.00	\$50.01 to \$75.00	\$75.01 to \$100.00	1	\$200.01 to \$300.00	\$300.01 to \$400.00			\$1000.01 to \$2000.00		\$3000.01 to \$4000.00	\$4000.01 to \$5000.00	\$5000.01 and Greater	Total
Arrearage Forgiveness Dollars	\$0.84	\$18,380.09	\$23,107.19	\$24,852.52	\$26,037.35	\$47,972.07	\$14,172.74	\$1,928.16	\$1,738.46	\$663.62	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$158,853.04
Number of Customers	15	1,978	1,101	607	430	470	89	16	4	2	0	0	0	0	0	4,711
Distribution of Customer			\$100.01 to \$150.00	\$150.01 to \$200.00		\$250.01 and greater	Total									
Bill Dollars	728613.5	1194382.73	779992.29	361777.37	159363.9	208929.53	3433059.32									
Number of Customers	24,142	16,833	6,463	2,121	723	496	50,778									
Number of Customer Terminated for Non- Payment	30															
Distribution of Bills paid	0 to25%	26% to 50%	51% to 75%	76% to 90%	91% to 100%	Greater than 100%										
Number of customer	21,809	4,301	2,602	1,230	10,420	7,107	47,469									
	45.94%	9.06%	5.48%	2.59%	21.95%	14.97%	_									_
Distribution of Customer Share Paid	0 to25%	26% to 50%	51% to 75%		91% to 100%	Greater than 100%										
Number of Customers	34,717	831	648	170	10,103	896	47,365									
Percentage	73.30%	1.75%	1.37%	0.36%	21.33%	1.89%										_
Number of customer participating in Comfort Partners	33															

# **USF Report April 2022**

Number of USF Customers	16,243								1	1					
Distribution of Benefit		\$25.01 to \$50.00		\$75.01 to \$100.00		1	Greater than \$150.00	Total							
Dollars	\$73,391	\$95,628	\$85,983	\$56,514	\$31,002	\$15,012	\$12,052	\$369,582.15							
Number of Customers	9,046	2,614	1,412	658	282	111	70	14,193							
Distribution of Fresh Start		\$5.00 to \$25.00		\$50.01 to \$75.00					400.01 to \$500.00	to	\$2000.01 to \$3000.00	to	4000.01 to	\$5000.01 and Greater	Total
Arrearage Forgiveness Dollars	\$1	\$5,166	\$6,415	\$5,522	\$5,093	\$10,426	\$2,442								\$35,062.56
Number of Customers	9	379	211	106	62	82	11								860
Distribution of Customer bills		*	\$100.01 to \$150.00	\$150.01 to \$200.00		\$250.01 and greater	Total								
Bill Dollars	\$94,763	\$456,896	\$559,392	\$289,263	\$130,083	\$147,399	\$1,677,797.33								
Number of Customers	3,021	6,028	4,596	1,693	589	361	16,288								
Number of Customer Terminated for Non-Payment	9														
Distribution of Bills paid	0 to25%	26% to 50%	51% to 75%	76% to 90%	91% to 100%	Greater than 100%									
Number of customer	7,968		782	262	3,289	1,376	15,127								
Distribution of Customer Share Paid		9.59% 26% to 50%	5.17% 51% to 75%	1.73% 76% to 90%	21.74% 91% to 100%	9.10% Greater than 100%									
Number of Customers	11,151	300	232	42	3,154	248	15,127								
%	73.72%	1.98%	1.53%	0.28%	20.85%	1.64%									
Number of customer participating in Comfort Partners	9														

# **USF Report May 2022**

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Number of USF Customers	16,826															
Distribution of Benefit		\$25.01 to \$50.00			*		Greater than \$150.00	Total								
Dollars	\$83,625	\$104,574	\$95,865		\$34,890	\$15,823	\$12,393	\$410,210								
Number of Customers	10,556	2,854	1,573		317	117	74	16,223								
Distribution of Fresh Chart					*	*				\$500.01 to	to	to		4000.01 to		Tatal
Distribution of Fresh Start  Arrearage Forgiveness Dollars	\$5.00 \$0.28	\$25.00 \$5,156.22			\$100.00 \$7,934.89			\$400.00 \$1,928.16	\$500.00 \$869.23	\$1000.00 \$663.62	\$2000.00	\$3000.00	\$4000.00	\$5000.00	Greater	Total \$55,035.13
Number of Customers	φυ.26 5	\$5, 156.22 531	\$6,941.60 267		\$7,934.69 104	139	\$4,621.04	\$1,920.10	\$009.23	\$003.02 1						1,251
Number of Gustomers				170	104	100	20	Ü								1,201
Distribution of Customer bills			12		\$200.01 to \$250.00	\$250.01 and greater	Total									
Bill Dollars	\$231,768	\$526,223	\$200,135	\$65,845	\$26,655	\$38,420	\$1,089,046									
Number of Customers	7054	7,527	1,689	389	122	89	16,870									
Number of Customer Terminated for Non-Payment	13															
Distribution of Bills paid	0 to25%	26% to 50%	51% to 75%	-		Greater than 100%										
Number of customer	6,735	1,403	858	367	3,816	2,697	15,876									
Distribution of Customer Share Paid	42.42% 0 to25%	8.84% 26% to 50%	5.40% 51% to 75%	76% to		16.99% Greater than 100%										
Number of Customers	11,162	306	250	58	3,798	300	15,874									
%	70.32%	1.93%	1.57%	0.37%	23.93%	1.89%										
Number of customer participating in Comfort Partners	10															

# **USF Report June 2022**

Number of USF Customers	17,553															
Distribution of Benefit	\$5.00 to \$25.00					\$125.010 to \$150.00	Greater than \$150.00	Total								
Dollars	\$93,851	\$113,082	\$104,795	\$68,619	\$37,015	\$17,430	\$14,386	\$449,177								
Number of Customers	12,091	3,088	1,717	796	336	129	85	18,242								
Distribution of Fresh Start	Les Than \$5.00	\$5.00 to \$25.00			\$75.01 to \$100.00	\$100.01 to \$200.00	\$200.01 to \$300.00		400.01 to \$500.00		\$1000.01 to	\$2000.01 to \$3000.00	\$3000.01 to \$4000.00	4000.01 to \$5000.00	\$5000.01 and Greater	Total
Arrearage Forgiveness Dollars	\$0.04	\$8,058.27	\$9,750.78	\$10,742.76	\$13,009.91	\$19,414.28	\$6,910.08	\$0.00	\$869.23	\$0.00						\$68,755.35
Number of Customers	1	1068	623	328	264	249	55	10	2	1						2,600
Distribution of Customer bills	\$1.00 to \$50.00	\$50.01 to \$100.00			\$200.01 to \$250.00	\$250.01 and greater	Total									
Bill Dollars	\$402,082	\$211,263.04	\$20,465.30	\$6,669.19	\$2,625.77	\$23,110.74	\$666,216									
Number of Customers	14,067	3,278	178	39	12	46	17,620									
Number of Customer Terminated for Non-Payment	8															
Distribution of Bills paid	0 to25%	26% to 50%	51% to 75%	76% to 90%	91% to 100%	Greater than 100%	Total									
Number of customer	7,106	1,448	962	601	3,315	3,034	16,466									
Distribution of Customer Share	43.16%	8.79%	5.84%	3.65%	20.13% 91% to	18.43% Greater than	100.00%									
Paid Paid	0 to25%	26% to 50%	51% to 75%	76% to 90%	100%	100%	Total									
Number of Customers	12,404	225	166	70	3,151	348	16,364									
%	75.80%	1.37%	1.01%	0.43%	19.26%	2.13%	100%									<u> </u>
Number of customer participating in Comfort Partners	14															

## New Jersey Natural Gas Company USF/ Lifeline Billing and Remittance Summary

#### **USF/Lifeline Billing**

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							Total
		Units	USF		Lifeline		USF/Lifeline
		Billed	Rate	Billing	Rate	Billing	Billing
Oct-21	а	24,609,889	\$0.012500	\$307,623.61	\$0.005300	\$130,432.41	\$438,056
Nov-21	а	71,068,271	\$0.012500	\$888,353.38	\$0.005300	\$376,661.83	\$1,265,015
Dec-21	а	93,649,323	\$0.012500	\$1,170,616.53	\$0.005300	\$496,341.41	\$1,666,958
Jan-22	а	147,123,032	\$0.012500	\$1,839,037.90	\$0.005300	\$779,752.07	\$2,618,790
Feb-22	а	100,868,552	\$0.012500	\$1,260,856.90	\$0.005300	\$534,603.32	\$1,795,460
Mar-22	а	83,216,100	\$0.012500	\$1,040,201.25	\$0.005300	\$441,045.33	\$1,481,247
Apr-22	а	53,000,850	\$0.012500	\$662,510.63	\$0.005300	\$280,904.51	\$943,415
May-22	а	30,749,005	\$0.012500	\$384,362.56	\$0.005300	\$162,969.72	\$547,332
Jun-22	а	23,701,026	\$0.012500	\$296,262.83	\$0.005300	\$125,615.44	\$421,878
Jul-22	е	20,374,949	\$0.012500	\$254,686.86	\$0.005300	\$107,987.23	\$362,674
Aug-22	е	19,879,500	\$0.012500	\$248,493.75	\$0.005300	\$105,361.35	\$353,855
Sep-22	е	20,154,580	\$0.012500	\$251,932.25	\$0.005300	\$106,819.27	\$358,752
Total		688,395,076		\$8,604,938.45		\$3,648,493.89	\$12,253,432

#### **USF/Lifeline Remittance**

				Total
USF		Lifeline		USF/Lifeline
Remittance	Date	Remittance	Date	Remittance
\$307,624.00	11/15/21	\$130,432.00	11/15/21	\$438,056
\$888,353.00	12/10/21	\$376,662.00	12/10/21	\$1,265,015
\$1,170,617.00	01/14/21	\$496,341.00	01/14/21	\$1,666,958
\$1,839,038.00	02/11/22	\$779,752.00	02/11/22	\$2,618,790
\$1,260,857.00	3/11/2022	\$534,603.00	3/11/2022	\$1,795,460
\$1,040,201.00	4/15/2022	\$441,045.00	04/15/22	\$1,481,246
\$662,511.00	5/13/2022	\$280,905.00	05/13/22	\$943,416
\$384,363.00	6/14/2022	\$162,970.00	06/14/22	\$547,333
\$296,263.00	07/12/22	\$125,615.00	07/12/22	\$421,878
\$254,687.00		\$107,987.00		\$362,674
\$248,494.00		\$105,361.00		\$353,855
\$251,932.00		\$106,819.00		\$358,751
\$8.604.940.00		\$3.648.492.00		\$12.253.432

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### New Jersey Natural Gas Company Calculation of USF Recovery

		USF Credits Issued <sup>1</sup>	Fresh Start Forgiveness Granted	Total USF Benefits Provided	Admin and Other Credits	Total Due From Trust Fund		Funds om Trust Fund Date	Under/(Over)  Recovery for the Month	Cumulative Under/Over Recovery excl. interest
Sep-21	а									\$12,660
Oct-21	а	\$148,932	\$8,333	\$157,265	\$0	\$157,265	\$104,488	10/29/21	\$52,777	\$65,437
Nov-21	а	\$281,707	\$8,497	\$290,205	\$0	\$290,205	\$177,661	11/26/21	\$112,544	\$177,981
Dec-21	а	\$432,082	\$28,980	\$461,062	\$0	\$461,062	\$641,407	12/21/21	(\$180,345)	(\$2,364)
Jan-22	а	\$331,962	\$29,700	\$361,662	\$0	\$361,662	0		(\$945,850)	(\$948,214)
Feb-22	а	\$306,854	\$24,577	\$331,431	\$0	\$331,431	\$1,307,512	2/4/22	(\$1,449,850)	(\$2,398,064)
Mar-22	а	\$408,198	\$26,724	\$434,921	\$0	\$434,921	\$1,781,281	3/4/22 & 3/28/22	(\$1,346,360)	(\$3,744,424)
Apr-22	а	\$367,305	\$31,685	\$398,991	\$0	\$398,991	\$931,635	4/28/22	(\$532,644)	(\$4,277,068)
May-22	а	\$407,585	\$50,971	\$458,556	\$0	\$458,556	538,282	5/31/22	(\$79,726)	(\$4,356,794)
Jun-22	а	\$445,572	\$62,060	\$507,633	\$0	\$507,633	\$210,867	6/24/22	\$296,765	(\$4,060,028)
Jul-22	е	\$490,130	\$68,266	\$558,396	\$0	\$558,396	\$169,189		\$389,206	(\$3,670,822)
Aug-22	е	\$539,143	\$75,093	\$614,235	\$0	\$614,235	\$144,533		\$469,702	(\$3,201,120)
Sep-22	е	\$593,057	\$82,602	\$675,659	\$0	\$675,659	\$133,157		\$542,502	(\$2,658,617)
Total		\$4,752,526	\$497,489	\$5,250,016	\$0	\$5,250,016	\$6,140,013		(\$2,671,278)	

<sup>1</sup> Actual customer credits are based on the calendar month. Since the timing of cycle billing for a particular month may cross months, customer credits reported will vary from the credits in each cycle billing period.

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#### New Jersey Natural Gas Company Calculation of USF Interest

		Beg	Customer	Admin and		Amt Received	Underrecovery	Average Balance		Interest on	Cumulative	Underrecovery and Interest
		Balance	Benefits <sup>1</sup>	Other Credits	Sub-Total	From Trust Fund <sup>3</sup>	Balance	Net of Tax	Rate	Avg Balance	Interest 23	Balance
	а						\$12,660					\$12,660
Oct-21	а	\$12,660	\$157,265	\$0	\$169,925	\$102,667	\$67,258	\$28,727	0.87%	\$21	\$21	\$67,279
Nov-21	а	\$67,258	\$290,205	\$0	\$357,463	\$177,661	\$179,802	\$88,806	1.10%	\$81	\$102	\$179,904
Dec-21	а	\$179,802	\$461,062	\$0	\$640,864	\$641,407	(\$543)	\$64,435	1.16%	\$62	\$165	(\$378)
Jan-22	а	(\$543)	\$361,662	\$0	\$361,120	\$0	\$361,120	\$129,609	1.38%	\$149	\$314	\$361,433
Feb-22	а	\$361,120	\$331,431	\$0	\$692,551	\$1,307,512	(\$614,962)	(\$91,244)	1.78%	(\$135)	\$178	(\$614,784)
Mar-22	а	(\$614,962)	\$434,921	\$0	(\$180,040)	\$1,781,281	(\$1,961,321)	(\$926,045)	1.91%	(\$1,474)	(\$1,296)	(\$1,962,617)
Apr-22	а	(\$1,961,321)	\$398,991	\$0	(\$1,562,331)	\$931,635	(\$2,493,965)	(\$1,601,453)	3.04%	(\$4,057)	(\$5,353)	(\$2,499,318)
May-22	а	(\$2,493,965)	\$458,556	\$0	(\$2,035,409)	\$538,282	(\$2,573,691)	(\$1,821,569)	3.33%	(\$5,055)	(\$10,408)	(\$2,584,099)
Jun-22	а	(\$2,573,691)	\$507,633	\$0	(\$2,066,059)	\$210,867	(\$2,276,926)	(\$1,743,554)	3.26%	(\$4,737)	(\$15,144)	(\$2,292,070)
Jul-22	е	(\$2,276,926)	\$558,396	\$0	(\$1,718,530)	\$169,189	(\$1,887,720)	(\$1,496,982)	3.04%	(\$3,792)	(\$18,937)	(\$1,906,656)
Aug-22	е	(\$1,887,720)	\$614,235	\$0	(\$1,273,484)	\$144,533	(\$1,418,018)	(\$1,188,247)	3.04%	(\$3,010)	(\$21,947)	(\$1,439,964)
Sep-22	е	(\$1,418,018)	\$675,659	\$0	(\$742,359)	\$133,157	(\$875,515)	(\$824,410)	3.04%	(\$2,089)	(\$24,035)	(\$899,551)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Benefits include monthly customer credits and Fresh Start Forgiveness granted. Actual customer credits are based on the calendar month. Since the timing of cycle billing for a particular month may cross months, customer credits reported will vary from the credits in each cycle billing period.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The Cumulative Interest should be added to the underrecovery balance at the end of the program year in order to determine the USF factor for the next program year.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> The amount received in October 2021 has been reduced by the prior year's interest.