

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

### IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF ELIZABETHTOWN GAS COMPANY TO REVIEW ITS BASIC GAS SUPPLY SERVICE RATE AND CONSERVATION INCENTIVE PROGRAM RATES BPU Docket No. GR22060366

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that on June 1, 2022, Elizabethtown Gas Company (“Elizabethtown” or “Company”), filed a petition with the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (“BPU” or “Board”) in Docket No. GR22060366 to review its Periodic Basic Gas Supply Service (“BGSS-P”) rate and Conservation Incentive Program (“CIP”) rates (“Petition”), as modified on July 27, 2022 for a CIP 12+0 update. The BGSS-P 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 (“2003 BGSS Order”). BGSS-P rates are designed to recover Elizabethtown’s cost of gas applicable to customers who purchase gas from Elizabethtown. The Company earns no profit from the BGSS-P rate. The CIP charge provides for a rate adjustment related to changes in average use per customer when compared to pre-established baseline values. The CIP is an incentive-based program that requires Elizabethtown to reduce gas supply related costs, and limits recovery of non-weather-related revenue loss to the level of gas supply costs savings achieved.

The Petition proposes to increase the current BGSS-P rate from \$0.4798 per therm to \$0.7190 per therm, inclusive of applicable taxes, and change CIP rates from \$0.0000 per therm to the following CIP rates per therm, inclusive of applicable taxes:

Residential Delivery Service	Small General Service	General Delivery Service
\$0.0141	(\$0.0351)	(\$0.0020)

Based on rates in effect July 1, 2022, the proposed BGSS-P and CIP rate changes will increase the monthly bill of a residential customer using 100 therms in a month by \$25.33 from \$110.59 to \$135.92, or 22.9%, consisting of an increase of a proposed BGSS-P increase of \$23.92 or 21.6% and proposed CIP increase of \$1.41 or 1.3%.

If approved, the effect of the Company's Petition on typical residential gas bills is illustrated below:

<u>Consumption in Therms</u>	<u>Present Monthly Bill July 1, 2022</u>	<u>Proposed Monthly Bill October 1, 2022</u>	<u>Proposed Change</u>	<u>Percent Change</u>
10	\$20.06	\$22.59	\$2.53	12.6%
50	\$60.30	\$72.96	\$12.66	21.0%
100	\$110.59	\$135.92	\$25.33	22.9%
250	\$261.48	\$324.80	\$63.32	24.2%

Pursuant to the 2003 BGSS Order, the proposed rate may be subject to self-implementing rate increases upon thirty days written notice to the BPU and the New Jersey Division of Rate Counsel (“Rate Counsel”). Any such self-implementing rate increases will be limited to a maximum of five percent (5%) of the total residential bill using 100 therms, effective December 1, 2022, and to a maximum of five percent (5%) of the total residential bill using 100 therms, effective February 1, 2023. Should it become necessary to apply both the December 1st and February 1st self-implementing increases, the respective cumulative impacts of these increases on typical residential gas bills are illustrated below:

<u>Consumption in Therms</u>	<u>Proposed Monthly Bill October 1, 2022</u>	<u>Potential Monthly Bill Dec. or Feb. 1st Inc.</u>	<u>Potential Change</u>	<u>Percent Change</u>
10	\$22.59	\$23.27	\$0.68	3.0%
50	\$72.96	\$76.36	\$3.40	4.7%
100	\$135.92	\$142.72	\$6.80	5.0%
250	\$324.80	\$341.80	\$17.00	5.2%

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10	\$22.59	\$23.98	\$1.39	6.2%
50	\$72.96	\$79.93	\$6.97	9.6%
100	\$135.92	\$149.86	\$13.94	10.3%
250	\$324.80	\$359.65	\$34.85	10.7%

These self-implementing increases will be provisional and subject to review in connection with the next annual BGSS filing. Elizabethtown is permitted to decrease its BGSS-P rate at any time upon five (5) days' notice and the filing of supporting documentation with the Board and Rate Counsel.

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. **PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE** that due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, virtual-telephonic public hearings have been scheduled on the following date and times below so that members of the public may present their views on the Company's Petition by dialing the toll-free telephone number listed below, followed by entering the listed passcode when prompted:

Date: August 30, 2022

Hearing Times: 4:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.

or by accessing the Teams' link:

Microsoft Teams Meeting ID: 260 276 430 37

Passcode: mcCmyA

(Access the Microsoft Teams App or Microsoft Teams on the web. On the left side of the screen, click the "Teams" icon. Select "Join or 'create a team'". Press "Join" and enter the Meeting ID and Passcode when prompted.)

or

Dial In: 866-984-3163

Conference ID: 692 568 722 followed by the # sign

Copies of Elizabethtown's Petition can be reviewed on the Company's website at [www.elizabethtowngas.com/rates-and-tariff](http://www.elizabethtowngas.com/rates-and-tariff) under regulatory information. The Petition is also available to review online through the Board's website, <https://publicaccess.bpu.state.nj.us> where you can search by the above-captioned docket number. The Petition and Board file may also be reviewed at the Board located at 44 South Clinton Avenue, 1st Floor, Trenton, NJ, with an appointment. To make an appointment, please call (609) 913-6298.

Representatives of the Company, Board Staff and Rate Counsel will participate in the virtual-telephonic public hearings. Members of the public are invited to participate in the Microsoft Teams Meeting or by utilizing the Dial-In and Conference ID set forth above and may express their views on this Petition. All comments will be made part of the final record of the proceeding and will 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 assistance, 48 hours prior to the above hearings to the Acting Board Secretary at [board.secretary@bpu.nj.gov](mailto:board.secretary@bpu.nj.gov).

The Board will also accept written and/or electronic comments. While all comments will be given equal consideration and will be made part of the final record of this proceeding, the preferred method of transmittal is via the Board's Public Document Search tool. Search for the docket number listed above, and post by utilizing the "Post Comments" button. Emailed comments may also be filed with the Acting Secretary of the Board, in pdf or Word format, to [board.secretary@bpu.nj.gov](mailto:board.secretary@bpu.nj.gov).

Written comments may be submitted to the Acting Secretary, Carmen D. Diaz, at the Board of Public Utilities, 44 South Clinton Avenue, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Post Office Box 350, Trenton, NJ 08625-0350. All emailed or mailed comments should include the name of the Petition and the docket number. All comments are considered "public documents" for purposes of the State's Open Public Records Act. Commenters may identify information that they seek to keep confidential by submitting them in accordance with the confidentiality procedures set forth in N.J.A.C. 14:1-12.3.

**Elizabethtown Gas Company**  
**Christie McMullen – President and Chief Operating Officer**