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## **Electronic Filing**

Carmen D. Diaz, Acting Board Secretary and Acting Custodian New Jersey Board of Public Utilities 44 South Clinton Avenue P. O. Box 350 Trenton, NJ 08625-0350

Re: In the Matter of the 2022/2023 Annual Compliance Filing for the Universal Service Fund and Lifeline Program Components Within the Societal Benefits Charge Rate Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:2-21 and N.J.S.A. 48:2-21.1 Submitted by Elizabethtown Gas Company BPU Docket No. ER22060374

In the Matter of the Petition of Elizabethtown Gas Company for Approval of a Rate Adjustment Pursuant to the Infrastructure Investment Program ("IIP") BPU Docket No. GR22040316

Dear Acting Board Secretary and Acting Custodian Diaz:

In compliance with the Board of Public Utilities' ("Board") Orders dated September 28, 2022 in the above mentioned dockets, Elizabethtown Gas Company ("Company") hereby submits the following tariff sheets in clean and redline format:

1st Revised Sheet No. 111 2nd Revised Sheet No. 115 1st Revised Sheet No. 126 2nd Revised Sheet Nos. 133-134

The revised tariff sheets reflect the Board's approval of the following per therm rates, inclusive of taxes, effective October 1, 2022:

USF	\$0.0111	Interim
Lifeline	\$0.0055	Interim
IIP	Various	Final

In accordance with the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities ("BPU") March 19, 2020 and June 10, 2020 Orders issued in BPU Docket No. EO20030254, hard copies are not being submitted at this time, but can be provided at a later time, if needed.

If you have any questions, please contact Thomas Kaufmann at (908) 662-8461 or tkaufmann@sjindustries.com.

Sincerely,

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Deborah M. Franco

DMF:jlh Enclosures

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Stacy Peterson (electronic only)

#### RIDER "B"

## WEATHER NORMALIZATION CLAUSE ("WNC") (continued)

## METHOD OF DETERMINING WEATHER NORMALIZATION CHARGE: (continued)

- I. <u>Definition of Terms as Used Herein</u> (continued)
  - 6. Degree Day Consumption Factor ("DDCF") the variable component (use per degree day) of the gas sendout for each month of the winter period normalized for weather and adjusted for lost and unaccounted for gas. The DDCF shall be updated annually in the Company's WNC reconciliation filing annualizing to reflect the change in number of customers that has occurred since the base rate proceeding that established the initial degree day consumption factor in base rate cases. The base number of customers used to establish the normalized use in therms per Customer and the calculated DDCF for purposes of calculating the weather-related portion of the CIP are as follows:

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7. Margin Revenue Factor - the weighted average of the Distribution Charges as quoted in the individual service classes to which this clause applies net of applicable taxes and other similar charges and any other revenue charge not retained by the Company that these rates may contain in the future. The weighted average shall be determined by multiplying the margin revenue component of the Distribution Charges from each service class to which this clause applies by each class's percentage of total consumption of all the classes to which this clause applies for the winter period and summing this result for all the classes to which this clause applies. The Margin Revenue Factor shall be redetermined each time base rates or IIP rates are adjusted. The current Margin Revenue Factor is \$0.4768 per therm pre taxes for purposes of calculating the weather-related portion of the CIP.

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#### RIDER "D"

#### SOCIETAL BENEFITS CHARGE ("SBC")

Applicable to all tariff Service Classifications except those Customers under special contracts that explicitly do not permit the Company to apply increased charges as filed and approved by the BPU and those customers exempted pursuant to the Long-Term Capacity Agreement Pilot Program ("LCAPP"), P.L. 2011, c.9, codified as N.J.S.A. 48:3-60.1. See the LCAPP Exemption Procedures at the end of this Rider.

The SBC is designed to recover the components listed below and any other new programs which the Board determines should be recovered through the Societal Benefits Charge.

	SBC Rate Components:		Per Therm
I.	Clean Energy Program ("CEP")		\$0.0260
II.	Remediation Adjustment Charge ("RAC"	")	(\$0.0083)
III.	Universal Service Fund and Lifeline:	,	,
	1. Universal Service Fund ("USF")		\$0.0111
	2. Lifeline		\$0.0055
		TOTAL	\$0.0343

The charges applicable under this Rider include provision for the New Jersey Sales and Use Tax, and when billed to customers exempt from this tax shall be reduced by the amount of such tax included therein.

## I. <u>Clean Energy Program Component ("CEP")</u>

The Comprehensive Resource Analysis ("CRA") name was changed to the Clean Energy Program - CEP per Board Order dated January 22, 2003 in Docket No. EX99050347 *et.al*. The CEP is a mechanism that will (1) establish a rate to recover the costs of the Core and Standard Offer Programs in the Company's CEP Plan which was approved by the BPU" in Docket No. GE92020104, and (2) compensate the Company for the revenue erosion resulting from conservation savings created by the Standard Offer Program. The annual recovery period for the CEP is from October 1 through September 30. The CEP recovers program costs and revenue erosion incurred during the previous CEP year ended June 30.

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#### INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT PROGRAM ("IIP")

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		Per Therm
RDS	Residential	\$0.0193
SGS	Small General Service	\$0.0213
GDS	General Delivery Service	\$0.0127
GDS	Seasonal SP#1 May-Oct	\$0.0069
NGV	Natural Gas Vehicles	\$0.0345
LVD	Large Volume Demand	\$0.0061
EGF	Electric Generation	\$0.0041
GLS	Gas Lights	\$0.0179
Firm S	\$0.0010	
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The IIP is a five-year program to modernize and enhance the reliability and safety of the Company's gas distribution system by replacing its vintage, at-risk facilities which include aging cast iron mains, unprotected and bare steel mains and services, ductile iron and vintage plastic mains and vintage plastic and copper services. As part of the IIP, Elizabethtown is upgrading its legacy low pressure system to an elevated pressure system, and installing excess flow valves and retiring district regulators that are presently required to operate the existing low pressure system. The costs recovered through the IIP Rider rate include the Company's after-tax weighted average cost of capital as adjusted upward for the revenue expansion factor, depreciation expense and applicable taxes.

Cost recovery under the IIP is contingent on an earnings test. If the product of the earnings test calculation exceeds the Company's most recently approved ROE by fifty (50) basis points or more, cost recovery under the IIP shall not be allowed. Any disallowance resulting from the earnings test will not be charged to customers in a subsequent IIP filing period, but the Company may seek such recovery in a subsequent base rate case.

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## RATE SUMMARIES

## Rates per therm except for the Service Charge

Service Charge (monthly)	RDS <u>Non-HTG</u> \$10.50	RDS <u>Heating</u> \$10.50	<u>SGS</u> \$36.79	<u>GDS</u> \$61.84
Distribution	\$0.5797	\$0.5797	\$0.4522	\$0.2895
Demand	na	na	na	\$1.1620
<u>Riders</u>				
A - BGSS	\$0.7190	\$0.7190	\$0.7190	BGSS-M
B- WNC	\$0.0000	\$0.0000	\$0.0000	\$0.0000
C - OSMC	(\$0.0031)	(\$0.0031)	(\$0.0031)	(\$0.0031)
D - SBC	\$0.0343	\$0.0343	\$0.0343	\$0.0343
E- EEP	\$0.0090	\$0.0090	\$0.0090	\$0.0090
F - IIP	\$0.0193	\$0.0193	\$0.0213	\$0.0127
G - CIP	\$0.0141	\$0.0141	(\$0.0351)	(\$0.0020)

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# RATE SUMMARIES (continued)

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Service Charge (monthly)	<u>LVD</u> \$405.18	<u>EGF</u> \$101.29	<u>IS</u> \$735.71	<u>ITS</u> \$735.71
Distribution	\$0.0371	\$0.0421	(ceiling) \$0.9405	(ceiling) \$0.1129
Demand	\$1.8660	\$0.8000	\$0.1230	\$0.5330
Riders				
A - BGSS	BGSS-M	BGSS-M	BGSS-M	per TPS only
B- WNC	na	na	na	na
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F - IIP	\$0.0061	\$0.0041	na	na
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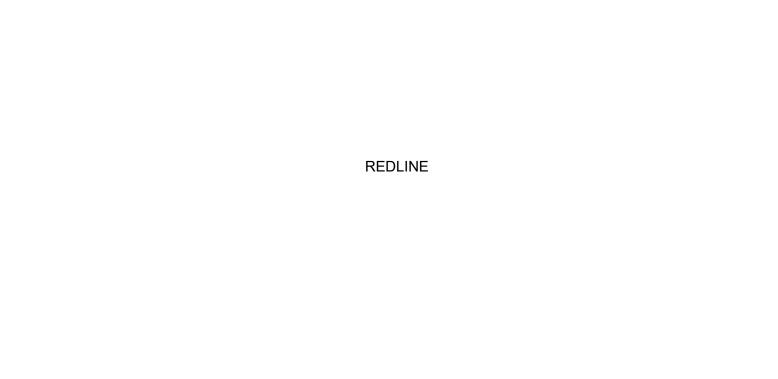
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		TOTAL	<del>\$0.0367</del> <u>\$0.0343</u>

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