



April 26, 2023

Sherri Golden, Secretary  
N.J. Board of Public Utilities  
44 South Clinton Avenue, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor  
Post Office Box 350  
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Re: New Jersey Natural Gas Company  
Universal Service Fund  
Quarterly Report  
March 2023  
BPU Docket No. EX00020091

Dear Secretary Golden:

Pursuant to the above, attached is the New Jersey Natural Gas Company's Universal Service Fund report for the quarter ended March 31, 2023. 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 you.

If you have any questions or comments, please email Marianne Harrell at [MHarrell@njng.com](mailto:MHarrell@njng.com).

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Mark G. Kahrer', is written over a light blue circular stamp.

Mark G. Kahrer  
Senior Vice President – Regulatory Affairs, Marketing  
and Energy Efficiency

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Attachments

C: Alice Bator, BPU  
Robert Brabston, BPU  
Paul Buhagiar, BPU  
Maureen Clerc, BPU  
Richard Lambert, BPU  
Tony Iskander, BPU  
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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  
26th day of April 2023



Andrew K. Dembia  
ATTORNEY AT LAW  
STATE OF NEW JERSEY









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

|        |   | USF/Lifeline Billing |            |                |               | USF/Lifeline Remittance |                            |                |          |                     |          |                               |
|--------|---|----------------------|------------|----------------|---------------|-------------------------|----------------------------|----------------|----------|---------------------|----------|-------------------------------|
|        |   | Units Billed         | USF Rate   | Billing        | Lifeline Rate | Billing                 | Total USF/Lifeline Billing | USF Remittance | Date     | Lifeline Remittance | Date     | Total USF/Lifeline Remittance |
| Oct-22 | a | 36,639,190           | \$0.010400 | \$381,047.57   | \$0.005200    | \$190,523.79            | \$571,571                  | \$381,048.00   | 11/14/22 | \$190,524.00        | 11/14/22 | \$571,572                     |
| Nov-22 | a | 64,702,292           | \$0.010400 | \$672,903.83   | \$0.005200    | \$336,451.92            | \$1,009,356                | \$672,904.00   | 12/14/22 | \$336,452.00        | 12/14/22 | \$1,009,356                   |
| Dec-22 | a | 117,237,548          | \$0.010400 | \$1,219,270.49 | \$0.005200    | \$609,635.25            | \$1,828,906                | \$1,219,270.00 | 01/17/23 | \$609,635.00        | 01/17/23 | \$1,828,905                   |
| Jan-23 | a | 97,910,791           | \$0.010400 | \$1,018,272.23 | \$0.005200    | \$509,136.11            | \$1,527,408                | \$1,018,272.00 | 02/17/23 | \$509,136.00        | 02/17/23 | \$1,527,408                   |
| Feb-23 | a | 93,304,141           | \$0.010400 | \$970,363.07   | \$0.005200    | \$485,181.53            | \$1,455,545                | \$970,363.00   | 03/14/23 | \$485,182.00        | 03/14/23 | \$1,455,545                   |
| Mar-23 | a | 90,294,440           | \$0.010400 | \$939,062.18   | \$0.005200    | \$469,531.09            | \$1,408,593                | \$939,034.00 * | 04/14/23 | \$469,517.00 *      | 04/14/23 | \$1,408,551                   |
| Apr-23 | e | 48,444,016           | \$0.010400 | \$503,817.77   | \$0.005200    | \$251,908.88            | \$755,727                  | \$503,818.00   |          | \$251,909.00        |          | \$755,727                     |
| May-23 | e | 27,464,085           | \$0.010400 | \$285,626.48   | \$0.005200    | \$142,813.24            | \$428,440                  | \$285,626.00   |          | \$142,813.00        |          | \$428,439                     |
| Jun-23 | e | 20,867,934           | \$0.010400 | \$217,026.52   | \$0.005200    | \$108,513.26            | \$325,540                  | \$217,027.00   |          | \$108,513.00        |          | \$325,540                     |
| Jul-23 | e | 20,578,904           | \$0.010400 | \$214,020.60   | \$0.005200    | \$107,010.30            | \$321,031                  | \$214,021.00   |          | \$107,010.00        |          | \$321,031                     |
| Aug-23 | e | 20,075,783           | \$0.010400 | \$208,788.14   | \$0.005200    | \$104,394.07            | \$313,182                  | \$208,788.00   |          | \$104,394.00        |          | \$313,182                     |
| Sep-23 | e | 20,354,610           | \$0.010400 | \$211,687.94   | \$0.005200    | \$105,843.97            | \$317,532                  | \$211,688.00   |          | \$105,844.00        |          | \$317,532                     |
| Total  |   | 657,873,733          |            | \$6,841,886.82 |               | \$3,420,943.41          | \$10,262,830               | \$6,841,859.00 |          | \$3,420,929.00      |          | \$10,262,788                  |

\*February therms were adjusted (decrease of 2,655 therms) after the remittances were sent to the BPU which resulted in a USF remittance decrease of \$28 and Lifeline remittance decrease of \$14 in March remittances.

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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 | USF Funds Received From Trust Fund |             | Under/(Over) Recovery for the Month | Cumulative Under/Over Recovery excl. interest |               |
|--------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------|-------------------------------------|---|---------------|
|        |                                 |                                 |                             |                         |                           | Amount                             | Date        |                                     |   |               |
| Sep-22 | a                               |                                 |                             |                         |                           |                                    |             |                                     | (\$991,953)                                   |               |
| Oct-22 | a                               | \$487,644                       | \$51,861                    | \$539,504               | \$0                       | \$539,504                          | \$338,580   | 10/7/2022&10/26/22                  | \$200,924                                     | (\$791,029)   |
| Nov-22 | a                               | \$505,722                       | \$52,924                    | \$558,646               | \$0                       | \$558,646                          | \$0         |                                     | \$558,646                                     | (\$232,383)   |
| Dec-22 | a                               | \$540,412                       | \$62,824                    | \$603,236               | \$0                       | \$603,236                          | \$282,729   | 12/01/22                            | \$320,507                                     | \$88,125      |
| Jan-23 | a                               | \$541,346                       | \$52,555                    | \$593,901               | \$0                       | \$593,901                          | \$1,247,953 | 1/5/2023&1/30/23                    | \$593,901                                     | \$682,026     |
| Feb-23 | a                               | \$483,831                       | \$35,087                    | \$518,918               | \$0                       | \$518,918                          | \$0         |                                     | (\$1,369,405)                                 | (\$687,379)   |
| Mar-23 | a                               | \$650,270                       | \$50,639                    | \$700,909               | \$0                       | \$700,909                          | \$1,888,324 | 3/6/2023&3/28/23                    | (\$1,187,414)                                 | (\$1,874,794) |
| Apr-23 | e                               | \$650,270                       | \$50,639                    | \$700,909               | \$0                       | \$700,909                          | \$600,982   |                                     | \$99,927                                      | (\$1,774,866) |
| May-23 | e                               | \$650,270                       | \$50,639                    | \$700,909               | \$0                       | \$700,909                          | \$322,444   |                                     | \$378,466                                     | (\$1,396,401) |
| Jun-23 | e                               | \$650,270                       | \$50,639                    | \$700,909               | \$0                       | \$700,909                          | \$182,801   |                                     | \$518,109                                     | (\$878,292)   |
| Jul-23 | e                               | \$650,270                       | \$50,639                    | \$700,909               | \$0                       | \$700,909                          | \$138,897   |                                     | \$562,012                                     | (\$316,280)   |
| Aug-23 | e                               | \$650,270                       | \$50,639                    | \$700,909               | \$0                       | \$700,909                          | \$136,973   |                                     | \$563,936                                     | \$247,656     |
| Sep-23 | e                               | \$650,270                       | \$50,639                    | \$700,909               | \$0                       | \$700,909                          | \$133,624   |                                     | \$567,285                                     | \$814,940     |
| Total  |                                 | \$7,110,843                     | \$609,728                   | \$7,720,571             | \$0                       | \$7,720,571                        | \$5,273,308 |                                     | \$1,806,893                                   |               |

<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**

|        |   | <b>Beg<br/>Balance</b> | <b>Customer<br/>Benefits<sup>1</sup></b> | <b>Admin and<br/>Other Credits</b> | <b>Sub-Total</b> | <b>Amt Received<br/>From Trust Fund<sup>3</sup></b> | <b>Underrecovery<br/>Balance</b> | <b>Average<br/>Balance<br/>Net of Tax</b> | <b>Rate</b> | <b>Interest on<br/>Avg Balance</b> | <b>Cumulative<br/>Interest<sup>2,3</sup></b> | <b>Underrecovery<br/>and Interest<br/>Balance</b> |
|--------|---|------------------------|--|------------------------------------|------------------|---|----------------------------------|---|-------------|------------------------------------|--|---|
|        | a |                        |  |                                    |                  |   | (\$991,953)                      |   |             |                                    |  | (\$991,953)                                       |
| Oct-22 | a | (\$991,953)            | \$539,504                                | \$0                                | (\$452,448)      | \$338,580   | (\$791,029)                      | (\$640,893)                               | 4.72%       | (\$2,521)                          | (\$2,521)                                    | (\$793,550)                                       |
| Nov-22 | a | (\$791,029)            | \$558,646                                | \$0                                | (\$232,383)      | \$0   | (\$232,383)                      | (\$367,865)                               | 5.14%       | (\$1,576)                          | (\$4,097)                                    | (\$236,479)                                       |
| Dec-22 | a | (\$232,383)            | \$603,236                                | \$0                                | \$370,854        | \$282,729   | \$88,125                         | (\$51,854)                                | 4.85%       | (\$210)                            | (\$4,306)                                    | \$83,818  |
| Jan-23 | a | \$88,125               | \$593,901                                | \$0                                | \$682,026        | \$1,247,953   | (\$565,928)                      | (\$171,746)                               | 5.00%       | (\$716)                            | (\$5,022)                                    | (\$570,949)                                       |
| Feb-23 | a | (\$565,928)            | \$518,918                                | \$0                                | (\$47,009)       | \$0   | (\$47,009)                       | (\$220,320)                               | 4.69%       | (\$861)                            | (\$5,883)                                    | (\$52,892)  |
| Mar-23 | a | (\$47,009)             | \$700,909                                | \$0                                | \$653,900        | \$1,888,324   | (\$1,234,424)                    | (\$460,611)                               | 5.49%       | (\$2,107)                          | (\$7,990)                                    | (\$1,242,414)                                     |
| Apr-23 | e | (\$1,234,424)          | \$700,909                                | \$0                                | (\$533,514)      | \$600,982   | (\$1,134,496)                    | (\$851,508)                               | 5.49%       | (\$3,896)                          | (\$11,886)                                   | (\$1,146,382)                                     |
| May-23 | e | (\$1,134,496)          | \$700,909                                | \$0                                | (\$433,587)      | \$322,444   | (\$756,030)                      | (\$679,550)                               | 5.49%       | (\$3,109)                          | (\$14,995)                                   | (\$771,025)                                       |
| Jun-23 | e | (\$756,030)            | \$700,909                                | \$0                                | (\$55,121)       | \$182,801   | (\$237,922)                      | (\$357,276)                               | 5.49%       | (\$1,635)                          | (\$16,629)                                   | (\$254,551)                                       |
| Jul-23 | e | (\$237,922)            | \$700,909                                | \$0                                | \$462,987        | \$138,897   | \$324,090                        | \$30,973                                  | 5.49%       | \$142                              | (\$16,488)                                   | \$307,602   |
| Aug-23 | e | \$324,090              | \$700,909                                | \$0                                | \$1,024,999      | \$136,973   | \$888,026                        | \$435,695                                 | 5.49%       | \$1,993                            | (\$14,494)                                   | \$873,532   |
| Sep-23 | e | \$888,026              | \$700,909                                | \$0                                | \$1,588,935      | \$133,624   | \$1,455,311                      | \$842,312                                 | 5.49%       | \$3,854                            | (\$10,641)                                   | \$1,444,670                                       |

<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.

<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>3</sup> The amount received in October 2022 has not been reduced by the prior year's interest.

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