



August 8, 2023

VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

Sherri L. Golden, Secretary
New Jersey Board of Public Utilities
44 South Clinton Avenue, 1st Floor
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RE: In the Matter of the Petition of New Jersey Natural Gas Company for Approval
of the Cost Recovery Associated with the Energy Efficiency Programs
BPU Docket No. GO23060340

Dear Secretary Golden:

On behalf of New Jersey Natural Gas Company (“NJNG” or “the Company”), attached please find the following documents in reference to the Virtual Public Hearings in the above-captioned matter.

- Notice of Public Hearings
- Notice of Public Hearings to County and Municipal Clerks
- Affidavit and Proofs of Publication of the Notice of Public Hearings in Asbury Park Press and Daily Record newspapers

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.

Please feel free to contact me at adembia@njng.com if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Andrew K. Dembia'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

Andrew K. Dembia
Regulatory Affairs Counsel

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**IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF NEW JERSEY NATURAL GAS COMPANY
FOR APPROVAL OF THE COST RECOVERY ASSOCIATED WITH
ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAMS
BPU DOCKET NO. GO23060340**

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August 1, 2023

Via Electronic Mail

To: The Office of the County Clerk, Municipal Clerk and County Administrator

RE: In the Matter of the Petition of New Jersey Natural Gas Company for Approval of the Cost Recovery Associated with the Energy Efficiency Programs
BPU Docket No. GO23060340

Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:2-2-21 and 48:2-21.1, New Jersey Natural Gas Company (the “Company” or “NJNG”) hereby advises you that on June 1, 2022 the Company filed a request with the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities for cost recovery associated with Energy Efficiency programs. A complete copy of the Company’s filing is available for review on NJNG’s website at www.njng.com.

Please be further advised that the Company hereby serves upon you the attached Notice of Public Hearings in the above referenced matter. The virtual public hearings are scheduled for August 23, 2023 at 4:30 P.M. and 5:30 P.M. with the following Log-In instructions.

Location: Zoom Virtual Meeting

Join by holding down control button and clicking on below link:


<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/2458136397?pwd=VUJpK1V0aDYxZDIiZUIwaElOWDFRZz09>

Meeting ID: 245 813 6397

Dial-In Phone Number: 1-646-876-9923

Access Code: 819208

Respectfully,


Andrew K. Dembia, Esq.
Regulatory Affairs Counsel

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Attachments

NOTICE TO NEW JERSEY NATURAL GAS CUSTOMERS

In the Matter of the Petition of New Jersey Natural Gas Company for Approval of the Cost Recovery Associated with the Energy Efficiency Programs DOCKET NO. GO23060340

NOTICE OF FILING AND PUBLIC HEARINGS

TO OUR CUSTOMERS:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on June 1, 2023, New Jersey Natural Gas (“NJNG” or the “Company”) filed a petition with the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (“Board”) seeking approval to implement a change to its Energy Efficiency (“EE”) Rider F through which it recovers costs associated with EE Programs (“Programs”) offered through Board-approved the SAVEGREEN™ Project. The current programs provide a broad range of EE offerings for residential, commercial, and industrial customers, including special resources for low to moderate income customers. The Programs include discounted energy saving measures, grants, financing opportunities, technical assistance and other resources to help address barriers to saving energy and making investments in energy efficiency improvements more accessible for all customers. Pursuant to Board Orders dated July 17, 2009 (Docket Nos. EO09010056 and EO09010057), September 24, 2010 (Docket No. GO10030225), January 18, 2012, (Docket No. GR11070425), June 21, 2013 (GO12070640), July 22, 2015, and June 29, 2016 (Docket No. GO14121412), September 17, 2018 (Docket No. GO18030355), and March 3, 2021 (Docket Nos. QO19010040 and GO20090622). NJNG is authorized to recover all reasonable and prudent costs associated with the SAVEGREEN programs. The approved and proposed costs include funds for grants, customer incentives and the associated incremental Operations and Maintenance expenses, along with associated carrying costs.

Rider F is applied in a manner consistent with existing components and processes of the Board-approved Societal Benefits Charge applicable to all jurisdictional throughput. The current after-tax EE charge for natural gas customers is \$0.0365 per therm, including New Jersey Sales and Use Tax (“SUT”). The Company has requested that the Board approve an increase of \$0.0006 per therm to the “EE Programs Established 2010-2018” component and an increase of \$0.0148 per therm to the “EE Programs Established 2021-Present” component for a total increase of \$0.0154 per therm effective October 1, 2023. If approved, the after-tax EE charge will increase to \$0.0519 per therm, including SUT. The change results in an overall increase of \$1.54, or 1.0 percent, on a typical 100-therm residential bill.

The proposed statewide charges for natural gas customers are as follows:

	Present	Present (Incl. Sales and Use Tax)	Proposed	Proposed (Incl. Sales and Use Tax)
EE Programs Established 2010-2018	\$0.0227	\$0.0242	\$0.0233	\$0.0248
EE Programs Established 2021-Present	\$0.0115	\$0.0123	\$0.0254	\$0.0271
Total EE	\$0.0342	\$0.0365	\$0.0487	\$0.0519

The impact of the Company’s filing, requested to be effective on October 1, 2023, or as of the effective date of the final Board Order in this proceeding, on a typical residential customer (both heat and non-heat), a typical general service small customer and a typical general service large customer on a monthly basis is estimated to be as follows based on the usage levels shown below:

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General Service Small	100	\$171.61	\$173.15	\$1.54	0.9%
General Service Large	1,200	\$1,636.16	\$1,654.64	\$18.48	1.1%

The Board has the statutory authority to establish the EE rate at levels it finds just and reasonable pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:2-21. Therefore, the Board may establish the new rate at levels other than those proposed by NJNG and the impact on a customer’s bill may vary from the information provided above.

PLEASE TAKE ADDITIONAL NOTICE that virtual public hearings will be conducted on the following date and times so that members of the public may present their views on the Company’s filing:

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Copies of NJNG’s June 1, 2023 filing can be reviewed on the Company’s website, www.njng.com/regulatory in the “Filings & Updates” subsection of the “Regulatory Info.”

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New Jersey Natural Gas Company
Andrew Dembia Esq.

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White House launches cybersecurity labeling

ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON – The Biden administration and major consumer technology players on Tuesday launched an effort to put a nationwide cybersecurity certification and labeling program in place to help consumers choose smart devices that are less vulnerable to hacking.

Officials likened the new U.S. Cyber Trust Mark initiative – to be overseen by the Federal Communications Commission, with industry participation voluntary – to the Energy Star program, which rates appliances’ energy efficiency.

“It will allow Americans to confidently identify which internet- and Bluetooth-connected devices are cybersecure,” deputy national security adviser Anne Neuberger told reporters in a pre-announcement briefing.

Amazon, Best Buy, Google, LG Electronics USA, Logitech and Samsung are among industry participants.

Devices including baby monitors, home security cameras, fitness trackers, TVs, refrigerators and smart climate control systems that meet the U.S. government’s cybersecurity requirements will bear the “Cyber Trust” label, a shield logo, as early as next year, officials said.

FCC Chairwoman Jessica Rosenworcel said the mark will give consumers “peace of mind” and benefit manufacturers, whose products would need to adhere to criteria set by the National Institute of Standards and Technology to qualify.

The FCC was launching a rule-making process to set the standards and seek public comment. Besides carrying logos, participating devices would have QR codes that could be scanned for updated security information.

In a statement, the Consumer Technology Association said consumers could expect to see certification-ready products at the industry’s annual January show, CES 2024, once the FCC adopts final rules. A senior Biden administration official said it was expected that products that qualify for the logo would undergo an annual recertification.

The Cyber Trust initiative was first announced in October following a



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meeting between White House and tech industry representatives.

The proliferation of so-called smart devices has coincided with growing cybercrime in which one unsecure device can often give a cyberintruder a dangerous foothold on a home network.

An April report from the cybersecurity firm Bitdefender and networking equipment company NetGear, based on their monitoring of smart homes, found that the most vulnerable devices in 2022 were, far and away, smart TVs, followed by smart plugs, routers and digital video recorders.

Providers of numerous smart home devices often don’t update and patch software fast enough to thwart newly emerging malware threats. The Cyber Mark standards are expected to make clear which devices patch vulnerable software in a timely fashion and secure their communications to preserve privacy, officials said. Also important will be informing consumers which devices are equipped to detect intrusions.

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**NOTICE TO NEW JERSEY NATURAL GAS COMPANY CUSTOMERS
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS**

In The Matter of the Petition of New Jersey Natural Gas Company For Approval of a Base Rate Adjustment Pursuant to the IIP Programs

Docket No. GR23040207

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on March 30, 2023, New Jersey Natural Gas Company (“NJNG”, or the “Company”) filed a petition and supporting documentation (“Petition”) with the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (“Board”, or the “BPU”) seeking Board approval for base rate changes to provide for cost recovery associated with the Company’s Infrastructure Investment Program (“IIP”).

By Order dated October 28, 2020, the BPU approved the Company’s IIP filed February 28, 2019, finding investigation into prudent, cost-efficient, and effective opportunities to enhance utility infrastructure to be critical.¹ The October 2020 Order approved NJNG’s request to invest up to \$150 million, excluding Allowance for Funds Used During Construction (“AFUDC”), to be recovered through base rate adjustments, to undertake 22 infrastructure projects and install Excess Flow Valves and Regulator Protectors aimed at making the Company’s distribution system more resilient.

The IIP is a series of capital investment projects that promote enhanced reliability and safety through facility enhancements. The IIP consists of 15 reliability and resilience projects, four (4) replacement and reinforcement projects, one (1) regulator station reconstruction project, two (2) trunk line replacement projects, 8,000 excess flow valves, and 47,500 regulator protector vents.

The Company’s rate filing includes a request for recovery in base rates of the actual costs associated with the IIP projects through June 30, 2023, consisting of prudently incurred capital expenditures, including actual costs of engineering, design and construction, cost of removal (net of salvage), property acquisition, actual labor, materials overheads, and capitalized AFUDC.

At this time, the Company requests BPU approval to adjust base rates, effective October 1, 2023, to recover approximately \$31.1 million in IIP investment costs made through June 30, 2023, resulting in a base rate increase of approximately \$3.52 million. If the proposed rates are approved by the Board, the impact to the typical residential heating customer using 100 therms per month is a monthly bill increase of \$0.54, or 0.4 percent.

The Petition’s monthly impact, as of the date of a Final Board Order in this proceeding, on a typical residential customer (both heat and non-heat), a typical general service small customer, and a typical general service large customer is estimated based on the usage levels shown in Table 1, included as Attachment A below.

The Board has the statutory authority to approve the requested changes to base rates at levels it finds just and reasonable. Therefore, the Board may establish the new rates at levels other than those proposed by NJNG.

Copies of NJNG’s March 30, 2023 filing can be reviewed on the Company’s website, www.njng.com/regulatory in the “Filings & Updates” subsection of the “Regulatory Info” section.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, virtual public hearings are scheduled for the following date and times so that members of the public may present their views on the Petition:

Date: August 23, 2023
Times: 4:30 pm and 5:30 pm

¹In re the Petition of New Jersey Natural Gas Company for Approval to Implement an Infrastructure Investment Program (“IIP”) and Associated Cost Recovery Mechanism Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:2-21 and N.J.A.C. 14:3-2A, BPU Docket No. GR19020278, Order dated October 28, 2020 (“October 2020 Order”).

Location: Zoom Virtual Webinar
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Emailed and/or written comments may also be submitted to:
Secretary of the Board
44 South Clinton Ave., 1st Floor
PO Box 350
Trenton, NJ 08625-0350
Phone: 609-913-6241
Email: board.secretary@bpu.nj.gov

ATTACHMENT A

Table 1: The Petition’s Projected Impact on Certain Customer Classes

Customer Type	Therm Level	Total Bill		Increase	
		Bill as of March 1, 2023	Proposed Bill	Amount	Percent
Residential Heat Sales	100	\$ 150.78	\$ 151.32	\$ 0.54	0.4 %
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New Jersey Natural Gas Company

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TO OUR CUSTOMERS:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on June 1, 2023, New Jersey Natural Gas (“NJNG” or the “Company”) filed a petition with the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (“Board”) seeking approval to implement a change to its Energy Efficiency (“EE”) Rider F through which it recovers costs associated with EE Programs (“Programs”) offered through Board-approved the SAVEGREEN™ Project. The current programs provide a broad range of EE offerings for residential, commercial, and industrial customers, including special resources for low to moderate income customers. The Programs include discounted energy saving measures, grants, financing opportunities, technical assistance and other resources to help address barriers to saving energy and making investments in energy efficiency improvements more accessible for all customers. Pursuant to Board Orders dated July 17, 2009 (Docket Nos. EO09010056 and EO09010057), September 24, 2010 (Docket No. GO10030225), January 18, 2012, (Docket No. GR11070425), June 21, 2013 (GO12070640), July 22, 2015, and June 29, 2016 (Docket No. GO14121412), September 17, 2018 (Docket No. GO18030355), and March 3, 2021 (Docket Nos. QO19010040 and GO20090622). NJNG is authorized to recover all reasonable and prudent costs associated with the SAVEGREEN programs. The approved and proposed costs include funds for grants, customer incentives and the associated incremental Operations and Maintenance expenses, along with associated carrying costs.

Rider F is applied in a manner consistent with existing components and processes of the Board-approved Societal Benefits Charge applicable to all jurisdictional throughput. The current after-tax EE charge for natural gas customers is \$0.0365 per therm, including New Jersey Sales and Use Tax (“SUT”). The Company has requested that the Board approve an increase of \$0.0006 per therm to the “EE Programs Established 2010-2018” component and an increase of \$0.0148 per therm to the “EE Programs Established 2021-Present” component for a total increase of \$0.0154 per therm effective October 1, 2023. If approved, the after-tax EE charge will increase to \$0.0519 per therm, including SUT. The change results in an overall increase of \$1.54, or 1.0 percent, on a typical 100-therm residential bill.

The proposed statewide charges for natural gas customers are as follows:

	Present	Present (Incl. Sales and Use Tax)	Proposed	Proposed (Incl. Sales and Use Tax)
EE Programs Established 2010-2018	\$0.0227	\$0.0242	\$0.0233	\$0.0248
EE Programs Established 2021-Present	\$0.0115	\$0.0123	\$0.0254	\$0.0271
Total EE	\$0.0342	\$0.0365	\$0.0487	\$0.0519

The impact of the Company’s filing, requested to be effective on October 1, 2023, or as of the effective date of the final Board Order in this proceeding, on a typical residential customer (both heat and non-heat), a typical general service small customer and a typical general service large customer on a monthly basis is estimated to be as follows based on the usage levels shown below:

Customer Type	Therm Level (Usage)	Total Bill		Net Increase	Percent Increase
		Monthly Bill as of May 1, 2023	Proposed Monthly Bill as of October 1, 2023		
Residential Heat Sales	100	\$151.18	\$152.72	\$1.54	1.0%
Residential Non-Heat Sales	25	\$45.16	\$45.54	\$0.38	0.8%
General Service Small	100	\$171.61	\$173.15	\$1.54	0.9%
General Service Large	1,200	\$1,636.16	\$1,654.64	\$18.48	1.1%

The Board has the statutory authority to establish the EE rate at levels it finds just and reasonable pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:2-21. Therefore, the Board may establish the new rate at levels other than those proposed by NJNG and the impact on a customer’s bill may vary from the information provided above.

PLEASE TAKE ADDITIONAL NOTICE that virtual public hearings will be conducted on the following date and times so that members of the public may present their views on the Company’s filing:

VIRTUAL PUBLIC HEARINGS
Location: Zoom Virtual Webinar
Public Hearing 1: 4:30 p.m.
Public Hearing 2: 5:30 p.m.

Date: August 23, 2023
Meeting ID: 245 813 6397
Dial-In Number: +1 646 876 9923
Passcode: 819208

Join: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/2458136397?pwd=VUJpK1V0aDYxZDIiZUIwaEiOWDFRZz09>

Members of the public may present their views on the petition during the virtual public hearings by dialing the toll-free telephone number, followed by entering the listed passcode when prompted, or by joining the Zoom Virtual Webinar.

Representatives of the Board’s Staff and the New Jersey Division of Rate Counsel will participate in the virtual public hearings. All comments will be made part of the final record of the proceeding to 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 and/or listening assistance, 48 hours prior to the above hearings to the Board Secretary at board.secretary@bpu.nj.gov.

Copies of NJNG’s June 1, 2023 filing can be reviewed on the Company’s website, www.njng.com/regulatory in the “Filings & Updates” subsection of the “Regulatory Info.”

The Board is also accepting 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 Secretary of the Board, in pdf or Word format, to board.secretary@bpu.nj.gov.

Written comments may be submitted to the Board Secretary, Sherry Golden, at the Board of Public Utilities, 44 South Clinton Avenue, 1st Floor, P.O. Box 350, Trenton, New Jersey 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.

New Jersey Natural Gas Company

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