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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
Board of Public Utilities
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ENERGY

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF)
ELIZABETHTOWN GAS COMPANY FOR APPROVAL) ORDER SUSPENDING INCREASES,
OF INCREASED BASE TARIFF RATES AND) CHANGES, OR ALTERATIONS IN
CHARGES FOR GAS SERVICE, CHANGES TO) RATES FOR SERVICE
DEPRECIATION RATES AND OTHER TARIFF)
REVISIONS) BPU DOCKET NO. GR24020158
) OAL DOCKET NO. PUC 03991-2024 N

Parties of Record:

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Steven S. Goldenberg, Esq., on behalf of New Jersey Large Energy Users Coalition

BY THE BOARD:

On February 29, 2024, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:2-18, N.J.S.A. 48:2-21, N.J.S.A. 48:2-21.1, and N.J.A.C. 14:1-5.12, Elizabethtown Gas Company (“ETG” or “Company”), a public utility of the State of New Jersey subject to the jurisdiction of the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (“Board”), filed a petition for approval of an increase in its current base rates for gas service of approximately \$75.6 million, excluding Sales and Use Tax (“SUT”), to be effective for service provided on and after September 1, 2024 (“Petition”).

By the Petition, ETG also sought to: 1) establish and/or recover certain regulatory assets; 2) modify the Company’s depreciation rates; and 3) implement certain other tariff revisions, including the implementation of an Uncollectible Adjustment Clause to account for fluctuations in uncollectible costs.

The Petition was transmitted to the Office of Administrative Law (“OAL”) where it was subsequently assigned to Administrative Law Judge (“ALJ”) Jacob S. Gertsman.

On May 16, 2024, ALJ Gertsman issued a Prehearing Order, thereby setting a procedural schedule in this matter. Through a series of orders, ALJ Gertsman granted intervenor status to the New Jersey Large Energy Users Coalition and participant status to New Jersey Natural Gas Company and Public Service Electric and Gas Company.

On May 15, 2024, ETG updated the Petition to include nine (9) months of actual data and three (3) months of estimated data (“9+3 Update”). By the 9+3 Update, ETG updated its requested increase in base rates to approximately \$77.7 million, excluding SUT.

On July 31, 2024, and updated on August 6, 2024, ETG updated the Petition to include twelve (12) months of actual data (“12+0 Update”). By the 12+0 Update, ETG updated its requested increase in base rates to approximately \$70.3 million, excluding SUT.

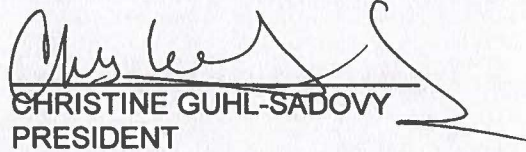
Because the proposed revisions, if approved, will likely increase existing rates and change or alter existing classifications in the Company's tariff, it is **HEREBY ORDERED** that:

- (1) Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:2-21(d), and consistent with N.J.A.C. 14:1-5.12, the proposed revisions be suspended until January 1, 2025, unless prior to that date the Board makes a determination disposing of the Petition or enters an Order further suspending the proposed revisions;
- (2) ETG shall, at least ten (10) days prior to the date set for hearing on the Petition by the OAL, file with the Board and the OAL, proof of compliance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 48:2-32.2 and N.J.A.C. 14:1-5.12(b) and (c), which notice shall include a statement that any relief found by the Board to be just and reasonable may be allocated by the Board to any class or classes of customers on any rate or schedule as the Board may determine; and
- (3) ETG shall serve copies of this Order upon the OAL, the New Jersey Division of Rate Counsel (140 East Front Street, 4th Floor, Post Office Box 003, Trenton, N.J. 08625), the clerk of each affected municipality, the clerk of the Boards of County Commissioners of each affected county, and, where appropriate, the executive officer of the affected county within its service area. Proof of Service of this Order shall be filed with the Board.

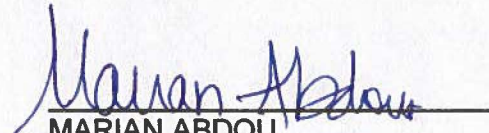
The Order shall be effective on August 21, 2024.

DATED: August 14, 2024

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BASE TARIFF RATES AND CHARGES FOR GAS SERVICE, CHANGES TO DEPRECIATION RATES AND OTHER
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