



September 10, 2024

***VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL***

Sherri L. Golden, Secretary  
New Jersey Board of Public Utilities  
44 South Clinton Avenue, 1st Floor  
P.O. Box 350  
Trenton, NJ 08625-0350

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. GR24060380

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](mailto: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.

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August 23, 2024

**Via Electronic Mail**

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

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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 May 31, 2024 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](http://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 re-scheduled for September 17, 2024 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,

  
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Regulatory Affairs Counsel

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Attachments

# NOTICE TO NEW JERSEY NATURAL GAS CUSTOMERS

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## NOTICE OF FILING AND PUBLIC HEARINGS

### TO OUR CUSTOMERS:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on May 31, 2024, 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 the Board-approved SAVEGREEN™ Program. The Programs provide 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 various Board Orders in Docket Nos. G012070640, G014121412, G018030355, Q019010040 and G020090622, NJNG is authorized to recover all reasonable and prudent costs associated with the SAVEGREEN™ programs. The budgets approved by various Board Orders 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 with existing components and processes of the Board-approved Societal Benefits Charge applicable to all jurisdictional throughputs. The current after-tax EE charge for natural gas customers is \$0.0494 per therm, including New Jersey Sales and Use Tax ("SUT"). The Company has requested an increase of \$0.0011 per therm to the "EE Programs Established 2013-2018" component and an increase of \$0.0072 per therm to the "EE Triennium 1 Program" component for a total increase of \$0.0083 per therm effective October 1, 2024. If approved, the after-tax EE charge will increase to \$0.0577 per therm, including SUT. The change results in an overall increase of \$0.83, or 0.6 percent, on a typical 100-therm residential bill.

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Total EE	\$0.0464	\$0.0494	\$0.0541	\$0.0577

The impact of the Company's filing, requested to be effective on October 1, 2024, 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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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 FURTHER NOTICE that due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, 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

Date: September 17, 2024

Hearing Times: 4:30 pm and 5:30 pm

### LOCATION

Zoom Virtual Webinar

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Representatives of the Company, Board Staff, and the New Jersey Division of Rate Counsel will participate in the virtual public hearings.

Members of the public are invited to participate and express their views on the Petition by utilizing the Zoom Virtual Webinar link or the Dial-In Number set forth above. All comments will become part of the final record in this proceeding to be considered by the Board. In order to encourage full participation in this opportunity for public comment, please submit any requests for accommodations, such as interpreters or listening assistance, 48 hours prior to the above hearing to the Board Secretary at [board.secretary@bpu.nj.gov](mailto:board.secretary@bpu.nj.gov).

The Board is also accepting written and electronic comments. Comments may be submitted directly to the specific docket number listed above using the "Post Comments" button on the Board's Public Document Search tool at <https://publicaccess.bpu.state.nj.us/>. Comments are considered public documents for purposes of the State's Open Public Records Act. Only documents that are intended to be public should be submitted using the "Post Comments" button on the Board's Public Document Search tool. Only confidential information should be submitted in accordance with the procedures set forth in N.J.A.C. 14:1-12.3. In addition to hard copy submissions, confidential information may also be filed electronically via the Board's e-filing system or by email to the Secretary of the Board, Sherri L. Golden. Please include "Confidential Information" in the subject line of any email. Instructions for confidential e-filing are found on the Board's webpage at <https://www.nj.gov/bpu/agenda/efiling/>. Emailed and/or written comments may also be submitted to:

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# Rep. Pascrell Jr. dies, 87; served for nearly 30 years

**Katie Sobko** NorthJersey.com | USA TODAY NETWORK – NEW JERSEY

Rep. Bill Pascrell Jr., the veteran Democrat who represented the Paterson area in Congress for nearly three decades, died Wednesday, his family confirmed. He was 87 years old.

A Paterson resident and its former mayor, Pascrell was first elected to Congress in 1996 and had served on the House Ways and Means Committee since 2007.

Feisty and outspoken, Pascrell embraced his image as a street-savvy Jersey tough guy who never walked away from a political fight. Pascrell, the son of a railroad traffic manager, prided himself on his many friendships with cops and firefighters.

The congressman was widely known for being an advocate for first responders, especially firefighters. He worked to bring grants back to his district and spearheaded the Firefighter Investment and Response Enhancement Act of 2000 to establish the only federal program that delivers grant dollars directly to fire departments across America.

Pascrell had recently had a 24-day hospitalization and needed what his staff said was “breathing assistance.”

He was released, but then on Aug. 11 suffered a medical setback and was taken from a rehabilitation facility in Essex County to Cooperman Barnabas Medical Center in Livingston.

Pascrell was instrumental in getting his childhood playground, the Great

Falls, recognized as the Paterson Great Falls National Historical Park during the administration of former President Barack Obama. He also served as co-chair of the Italian-American Congressional Delegation.

Pascrell’s family posted Wednesday on the congressman’s account on X, formerly called Twitter.

“It is with deep sadness that we announce that Bill Pascrell Jr., our beloved husband, father, and grandfather, passed away this morning,” the family wrote. “As our United States Representative, Bill fought to his last breath to return to the job he cherished and to the people he loved.

“Bill lived his entire life in Paterson and had an unwavering love for the city he grew up in and served,” the family said. “He is now at peace after a lifetime devoted to our great nation America.”

## 2012 election battle

Pascrell had a streak of 14 congressional election victories at the time he died, perhaps none of them quite as impressive as his win in 2012, when redistricting set up a primary battle between him and fellow Democratic incumbent Steve Rothman. Boosted by a strong turnout in Paterson, Pascrell emerged the winner over Rothman with about 61% of the vote.

Pascrell faced a primary challenge this past June, but he easily fended off Prospect Park Mayor Mohamed Khairullah by winning 76% of the vote. Much of Khairullah’s support came from the



**Adjusting his tie, Rep. Bill Pascrell Jr. prepares for a television interview in Washington in 2012, after his election victory over Steve Rothman. Pascrell had a streak of 14 congressional election victories.** NORTHJERSEY.COM STAFF

North Jersey Islamic community, which had been critical of Pascrell’s response to the conflict between Israel and Hamas.

The congressman was going to face Republican Billy Premph of Paterson – whom he had beaten twice before – in the November general election.

Before making his way to Washington, Pascrell served in the state Assembly and then as the mayor of Paterson. He also served in the U.S. Army and the Army Reserve, receiving an honorable discharge in 1967.

## Life in Paterson

Pascrell attended St. George’s Elementary School in Paterson and St. John the Baptist High School, where was chairman of the student council’s advertising committee and, for a time, its president. Out of the classroom, he was an all-league third baseman for St. John’s in his senior year, but Pascrell played a variety of positions including pitcher, catcher and outfielder.

After becoming the first in his family to graduate from high school, Pascrell studied at Fordham University. There, he received a bachelor’s degree in journalism and a master’s degree in philosophy.

He started his career as a high school history teacher in Paterson, then taught in Paramus and later became an adjunct professor at Fairleigh Dickinson University. While teaching in Paramus in the 1960s, Pascrell spent time as the Democratic leader of Paterson’s 10th Ward. During the decade, he was living on East 21st Street and occupying roles including chairman of the Social and Political Action Committee of the Association of Career Teachers and president of the Paterson Action Committee, which he co-founded to break what he thought was a party patronage mill under former and future Paterson Mayor Frank X. Graves.

“The city is finished with partisan politics,” Pascrell declared in 1969. “Too many forces divide the city.”

Pascrell is survived by his wife, Elsie, three children and five grandchildren.

# Rutgers suspends Palestinian group that led campus protests

**Deena Yellin**

NorthJersey.com  
USA TODAY NETWORK – NEW JERSEY

Rutgers University has issued a one-year suspension for one of the groups that led spring protests against the war in Gaza and a four-day encampment on its New Brunswick campus.

The New Brunswick chapter of Students for Justice in Palestine has been banned from participating in campus activities for the coming academic year, after the university said it violated terms of an earlier probation, said an e-mailed statement from Rutgers.

The university also announced a series of other policies on campus protests this week, including a ban on the type of encampments that sprang up at Rutgers and other U.S. colleges earlier this year. The New Brunswick action disbanded peacefully after the school agreed to steps including meeting with protesters to discuss their demand that the university divest from companies tied to Israel, though Rutgers didn’t commit to

withdrawing funds.

Rutgers said its suspension of SJP will last until “at least July 4, 2025.” The fall semester is scheduled to begin Sept. 3.

“During this period SJP is not recognized by the university and cannot reserve rooms, participate in campus activities, join intramural sports or serve on councils,” Dory Devlin, a Rutgers spokesperson, said in the statement.

In response to a request for comment, SJP referred NorthJersey.com to social media posts from the group that detailed Rutgers’ new speech policies.

## Rutgers’ new guidelines on free expression

In a new “Free Expression at Rutgers” webpage launched Tuesday, the university said it is “committed to the freedom of speech” but also would “preserve the right of all in our community to learn, teach, and carry out the university’s essential work.”

Among the guidelines:

- Individuals who want to hold protests are required to submit notification forms at least three days before the scheduled demonstration and obtain a permit.

- Demonstrations must not disrupt academic or business operations of the university and must be held in a field that has been designated for protests on campus.

- Encampments are not permitted.
- Individuals may demonstrate and/or pass out leaflets outside when there is a speaker or program but must be within a designated area established by the University Police Department to prevent disruption of the scheduled event.

- Demonstrators are not permitted to hinder the ability of participants to enter or exit programs.

## SJP-New Brunswick has faced sanctions

Rutgers suspended the SJP group in December, saying at the time that its de-

cision was due to “students protesting in nonpublic forums, causing disruption to classes and university functions, which are violations of university policy.”

The suspension was lifted in January, but Rutgers also imposed a one-year probation period.

Tensions on campus have risen since the Oct. 7 Hamas attack on Israel, in which 1,200 people were killed and 250 hostages were taken to Gaza. Israel’s subsequent campaign in Gaza has killed roughly 40,000, according to the Hamas-run Gaza Health Ministry.

Some Jewish students have reported feeling unsafe and threatened by the protests on campus. Pro-Palestinian organizers, meanwhile, have chafed at what they say are unfair restrictions that limit free speech.

Rutgers is not alone in its decision. Other colleges, including Columbia University, Brandeis, Case Western, the University of Florida and George Washington, have also suspended their SJP chapters at points in the past year.

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**NEW JERSEY NATURAL GAS COMPANY  
NOTICE OF FILING AND PUBLIC HEARING**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A UNIVERSAL SERVICE FUND PURSUANT TO SECTION 12 OF THE ELECTRIC DISCOUNT AND ENERGY COMPETITION ACT OF 1999  
BPU DOCKET NO. EX00020091**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF NEW JERSEY NATURAL GAS COMPANY 2024/2025 ANNUAL COMPLIANCE FILING FOR THE UNIVERSAL SERVICE FUND PROGRAM FACTOR WITHIN THE SOCIETAL BENEFITS CHARGE RATE  
BPU DOCKET NO. ER24070486**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that, pursuant to the Electric Discount and Energy Competition Act, N.J.S.A. 48:3-49, et seq., the Universal Service Fund (“USF”) program was established by the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (the “Board”), to provide funds to assist qualifying low-income individuals in paying their energy bills. Pursuant to Board Orders dated April 30, 2003, July 16, 2003, and June 22, 2005, the State’s electric and gas public utilities’ Societal Benefits Charge (“SBC”) includes recovery of funding for the USF program through uniform statewide rates. The SBC also includes funding for the Lifeline Program, which provides assistance with heating costs to qualifying elderly and disabled persons and incorporates funds for the Work First New Jersey program.

The State of New Jersey’s Department of Community Affairs is the Administrator of the USF Program, and the New Jersey Department of Human Services is the Administrator of the Lifeline programs and authorizes the disbursement of benefits to eligible customers in the respective programs.

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	Present	Present (Incl. Sales and Use Tax)	Proposed	Proposed (Incl. Sales and Use Tax)
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Lifeline— per therm	\$0.0058	\$0.0062	\$0.0056	\$0.0060
Total USF/Lifeline	\$0.0166	\$0.0177	\$0.0259	\$0.0276

If approved by the Board, the impact of the proposed changes in the USF/Lifeline Charge on typical natural gas bills is illustrated below:

Customer Type	Therm Level	Rates		Increase	
		Bill as of June 1, 2024	Proposed Bill as of October 1, 2024	Amount	Percent
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Residential Non-Heat Sales	25	\$44.43	\$44.68	\$0.25	0.6%
General Service – Small	100	\$170.13	\$171.12	\$0.99	0.6%
General Service – Large	1200	\$1,675.16	\$1,687.04	\$11.88	0.7%

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# Pascrell championed causes meant to promote fairness

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A native son of Paterson, the late Bill Pascrell Jr. spent more than 27 years in Congress after decades of involvement in New Jersey politics.

During that span, Pascrell championed a series of causes meant to promote fairness, create opportunity and ensure justice for all.

Pascrell, said many contemporaries offering condolences after his death in a

Livingston hospital on Wednesday, was a steadfast advocate for middle-class Americans. He used his notable positions on the House Ways and Means and the Democratic Steering and Policy committees to influence critical economic policies, including on Social Security, taxes, Medicare, health policy and international trade.

Rep. Josh Gottheimer, of Wyckoff, called Pascrell “an absolute giant, a courageous fighter and an unparalleled champion of hardworking families and first responders.”

## Hepatitis B

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“A lot of immigrants don’t want anyone to know because it might have consequences to their job, to their relation-

ships, to their family,” Chen said. “The problem is people don’t get tested and then it becomes a much bigger problem.”

Asians make up about half of the 1 million people in the U.S. with chronic hepatitis B and are eight times more likely to die from the disease than Caucasians, according to the U.S. Depart-

ment of Health and Human Services.

Gov. Phil Murphy also recognized Pascrell’s efforts to enact beneficial legislation for Americans. “At every stage of his congressional career, he stood up for our neighbors by defending access to reproductive health care, keeping our communities safe from gun violence, supporting our law enforcement officers and first responders, protecting our natural wonders — like Paterson’s Great Falls — and so much more,” Murphy said.

A nationally recognized leader in fire safety, Pascrell authored the Firefighter

Investment and Response Enhancement (FIRE) Act of 2000, which established a federal grant program to provide critical funding for fire departments across the country. He also spearheaded the Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) grant program to help fire departments and volunteer firefighter interest organizations increase or maintain trained firefighters in their communities.

**See PASCRELL, Page 5A**

**NEW JERSEY NATURAL GAS COMPANY  
NOTICE OF FILING AND PUBLIC HEARING**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A UNIVERSAL SERVICE FUND PURSUANT TO SECTION 12 OF THE ELECTRIC DISCOUNT AND ENERGY COMPETITION ACT OF 1999  
BPU DOCKET NO. EX00020091**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF NEW JERSEY NATURAL GAS COMPANY 2024/2025 ANNUAL COMPLIANCE FILING FOR THE UNIVERSAL SERVICE FUND PROGRAM FACTOR WITHIN THE SOCIETAL BENEFITS CHARGE RATE  
BPU DOCKET NO. ER24070486**

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**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. GR24060380

**NOTICE OF FILING AND PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**TO OUR CUSTOMERS:**

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that on May 31, 2024, 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 the Board-approved SAVEGREEN™ Program. The Programs provide 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 various Board Orders in Docket Nos. G012070640, G014121412, G018030355, G019010040 and G020090622, NJNG is authorized to recover all reasonable and prudent costs associated with the SAVEGREEN™ programs. The budgets approved by various Board Orders 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 with existing components and processes of the Board-approved Societal Benefits Charge applicable to all jurisdictional throughputs. The current after-tax EE charge for natural gas customers is \$0.0494 per therm, including New Jersey Sales and Use Tax (“SUT”). The Company has requested an increase of \$0.0011 per therm to the “EE Programs Established 2013-2018” component and an increase of \$0.0072 per therm to the “EE Triennial 1 Program” component for a total increase of \$0.0083 per therm effective October 1, 2024. If approved, the after-tax EE charge will increase to \$0.0577 per therm, including SUT. The change results in an overall increase of \$0.83, or 0.6 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 2013-2018	\$0.0232	\$0.0247	\$0.0242	\$0.0258
EE Triennial 1	\$0.0232	\$0.0247	\$0.0299	\$0.0319
<b>Total EE</b>	<b>\$0.0464</b>	<b>\$0.0494</b>	<b>\$0.0541</b>	<b>\$0.0577</b>

The impact of the Company’s filing, requested to be effective on October 1, 2024, 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 Monthly Bill			Net Increase	Percent Increase
		Monthly Bill as of May 1, 2024	Proposed Monthly Bill as of October 1, 2024	Amount		
Residential Heat Sales	100	\$150.04	\$150.87	\$0.83	0.6%	
Residential Non-Heat Sales	25	\$44.43	\$44.64	\$0.21	0.5%	
General Service Small	100	\$170.13	\$170.96	\$0.83	0.5%	
General Service Large	1,200	\$1,645.40	\$1,655.36	\$9.96	0.6%	

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 FURTHER NOTICE** that due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, 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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Members of the public may present their views on the petition during the virtual public hearings by dialing the tollfree telephone number, followed by entering the listed passcode when prompted, or by joining the Zoom Virtual Webinar.

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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. GR24040207

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that on March 28, 2024, 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, and acknowledged that replacement of aging infrastructure should mitigate damage to the system as well as enhance public safety.<sup>1</sup> 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. The IIP was 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, as approved, 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 October 2020 Order also authorized the Company to make annual filings with the Board to recover the actual costs associated with the IIP projects through June 30, 2024, and to earn an return on and a return of those investments through annual adjustments to rates.

At this time, the Company requests BPU approval to adjust base rates, effective October 1, 2024, to recover approximately \$41.9 million in IIP investment costs made through June 30, 2024, resulting in a base rate increase of approximately \$5.65 million. If the proposed rates are approved by the Board, the impact on the monthly bill of a typical residential heating customer using 100 therms per month is an increase of \$0.86, or 0.6 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 the Petition can be reviewed on the Company’s website, [www.njng.com/regulatory](http://www.njng.com/regulatory) in the “Filings & Updates” subsection of the “Regulatory Info” section.

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

Customer Type	Therm Level	Total Bill		Increase	
		Bill as of June 1, 2024	Proposed Bill	Amount	Percent
Residential Heat Sales	100	\$150.04	\$150.90	\$0.86	0.6%
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