

NOTICE OF FILING AND PUBLIC HEARINGS

**IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF ELIZABETHTOWN GAS COMPANY
TO REVISE ITS ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAM RIDER RATE
BPU Docket No. GR24070552**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on July 31, 2024, Elizabethtown Gas Company (“Elizabethtown” or “Company”) filed a petition with the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (“Board” or “BPU”) in Docket No. GR24070552 to increase the Energy Efficiency Program (“EEP”) Rider rate from \$0.0168 per therm to \$0.0255 per therm, inclusive of applicable taxes, effective October 1, 2024 (“Petition”). The proposed rate is designed to recover the Company’s energy efficiency program costs amounting to \$12.3 million. These programs are intended to promote the efficient use of energy by Elizabethtown’s customers. The proposed rate is subject to Board approval and may be higher or lower depending on the Board’s final determination and the date on which such rate is made effective by the Board. A comparison of the Company’s current rate to the proposed rate is as follows:

	Current Rate	Proposed Rate
	<u>Per Therm</u>	<u>Per Therm</u>
EEP	\$0.0168	\$0.0255

If approved, the effect of the Company’s Petition on the monthly bill of a typical residential heating customer using 100 therms per month, as compared to rates in effect as of October 1, 2024, is outlined below:

Consumption in Therms	Present Monthly Bill October 1, 2024	Proposed Monthly Bill	Proposed Monthly Increase	Percent Change
100	\$145.83	\$146.70	\$0.87	0.6%

The Board has the statutory authority, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:2-21, to approve and establish such tariff classifications and rates at levels it finds just and reasonable as well as to establish the effective date of such rates. Therefore, the Board may establish these rates at levels and/or an effective date other than those proposed by Elizabethtown.

A copy of this Notice is being served upon the clerk, executive or administrator of each municipality and county within the Company’s service territory as well as the New Jersey Division of Rate Counsel (“Rate Counsel”) who will represent the interests of the ratepayers in these proceedings. A copy of the Petition can be viewed on the Company’s website at www.elizabethtowngas.com under regulatory information. The Petition is also available to review online on the Board’s website at <https://publicaccess.bpu.state.nj.us>, where you can search by the above-captioned docket number. The Petition and Board file may also be reviewed at the Board located at 44 South Clinton Avenue, 1st Floor, Trenton, New Jersey, with an appointment. To make an appointment, please call (609) 913-6298.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that virtual public hearings will be held on following date and times so that members of the public may present their views on the Petition:

VIRTUAL PUBLIC HEARINGS

DATE: November 12, 2024

HEARING TIMES: 4:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.

Join Microsoft Teams Meeting

Press Ctrl key + Click on this link:

<https://teams.microsoft.com/joinTeamsMeetingETGhearing11-12-2024>

Select 'Join Now' to enter the meeting. If prompted, enter the following Meeting ID, Meeting Passcode and your name.

Meeting ID: 230 526 537 81

Meeting Passcode: EUTcr9

-or-

Join by Phone

Dial In: 866-984-3163

When prompted, enter Conference ID: 994 384 920 followed by the # sign to access the meeting.

Representatives of the Company, Board Staff and Rate Counsel will participate in the virtual public hearings. Members of the public may use the Microsoft Teams meeting link or the dial-in number and phone conference ID set forth above to express their views on this Petition. All comments will be part of the final record of the proceeding and will be considered by the Board. To encourage full participation in this opportunity for public comment, please submit any requests for needed accommodations, such as interpreters or listening assistance, 48 hours prior to the above hearings to the Board Secretary at board.secretary@bpu.nj.gov or call the Board at the number listed below.

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 public documents should be submitted using the "Post Comments" button on the Board's Public Document Search tool. Any 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. Please include "Confidential Information" in the subject line of any such 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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