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Sherri L. Golden, Secretary of the Board
Board of Public Utilities
44 South Clinton Avenue
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**Re: *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
Docket No. EX00020091***

***In the Matter of the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities' Response to
the COVID-19 Pandemic
Docket No. AO20060471***

Dear Secretary Golden:

Attached is (i) the quarterly USF / Lifeline report for billings and remittances, and customer credits and clearinghouse receipts and (ii) the quarterly Utility USF Reporting related to activity through September 30, 2024.

The USF / Lifeline reporting is in accordance with the Board of Public Utilities' ("Board") Order dated July 16, 2003 in Docket No. EX00020091.

The Utility USF Reporting is in accordance with the Board's Orders dated April 30, 2003 and June 30, 2004 in Docket No. EX00020091. The Utility USF Reporting specifications were developed by the USF Working Group consisting of the State's seven Electric and Gas Utilities, APPRISE Inc., the Ratepayer Advocate, State Agencies and other interested parties.

This submission also includes the updated reporting requirements included in the Board's Order dated June 29, 2023 in Docket No. AO20060471.

If you have any questions please contact Thomas Kaufmann at 908-662-8461 or tkaufmann@sjindustries.com.

Sincerely,

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ELIZABETHTOWN GAS COMPANY
USF/ Lifeline Billing and Remittance Summary

USF/Lifeline Billing

USF/Lifeline Remittance

	Units Billed	USF		Lifeline		Total USF/Lifeline Billing	USF		Lifeline			Total USF/Lifeline Remittance
		Rate *	Billing	Rate *	Billing		Remittance	Date	Remittance	Check No.	Date	
Oct-23	22,704,948	\$0.0107	\$242,844	\$0.0056	\$127,977	\$370,821	\$242,844	11/13/23	\$127,977	ACH	11/13/23	\$370,821
Nov-23	36,999,012	\$0.0108	\$400,057	\$0.0058	\$214,964	\$615,021	\$400,057	12/07/23	\$214,964	ACH	12/07/23	\$615,021
Dec-23	58,098,553	\$0.0108	\$627,517	\$0.0058	\$336,994	\$964,511	\$627,517	01/10/24	\$336,994	ACH	01/10/24	\$964,511
Jan-24	74,426,315	\$0.0108	\$803,927	\$0.0058	\$431,647	\$1,235,574	\$803,927	02/09/24	\$431,647	ACH	02/09/24	\$1,235,574
Feb-24	75,561,912	\$0.0108	\$816,143	\$0.0058	\$438,232	\$1,254,375	\$816,143	03/07/24	\$438,232	ACH	03/07/24	\$1,254,375
Mar-24	59,447,054	\$0.0108	\$642,012	\$0.0058	\$344,776	\$986,788	\$642,012	04/10/24	\$344,776	ACH	04/10/24	\$986,788
Apr-24	48,318,216	\$0.0108	\$521,930	\$0.0058	\$280,265	\$802,195	\$521,930	05/07/24	\$280,265	ACH	05/07/24	\$802,195
May-24	29,920,429	\$0.0108	\$323,198	\$0.0058	\$173,466	\$496,664	\$323,198	06/10/24	\$173,466	ACH	06/10/24	\$496,664
Jun-24	20,583,058	\$0.0108	\$222,499	\$0.0058	\$119,226	\$341,725	\$222,499	07/11/24	\$119,226	ACH	07/11/24	\$341,725
Jul-24	17,523,066	\$0.0108	\$189,400	\$0.0058	\$101,648	\$291,048	\$189,400	08/07/24	\$101,648	ACH	08/07/24	\$291,048
Aug-24	17,607,062	\$0.0108	\$190,325	\$0.0058	\$102,194	\$292,519	\$190,325	09/10/24	\$102,194	ACH	09/10/24	\$292,519
Sep-24	17,818,482	\$0.0108	\$192,676	\$0.0058	\$103,408	\$296,084	\$192,676	10/09/24	\$103,408	ACH	10/09/24	\$296,084
Total	479,008,107		\$5,172,528		\$2,774,797	\$7,947,325	\$5,172,528		\$2,774,797			\$7,947,325

* Billing at the tariff rate yields the dollars recovered, inclusive of rate proration, if any. The rate presented is derived from dividing that amount by the therms, as such rounding differences to the tariff / billing rate may result.

ELIZABETHTOWN GAS COMPANY
Calculation of USF Recovery Balance

	USF Credits Issued *	USF Funds Received From Clearinghouse		Under (Over) Recovery	Cumulative Under (Over) Recovery w/ Interest
	a	b	c	d=a-b	
		Amount	Date		
Sep-23					(\$895,458.27)
Oct-23	\$257,411.34	\$22,647.53	10/02/23	\$234,763.81	(\$663,360.74)
Nov-23	\$320,843.42	\$54,133.52	11/06/23	\$266,709.90	(\$398,404.20)
Dec-23	\$358,138.19	\$89,315.48	12/01/23	\$268,822.71	(\$130,383.90)
Jan-24	\$258,932.01	\$557,866.91	1/5/24 & 1/31/24	(\$298,934.90)	(\$430,129.91)
Feb-24	\$242,206.24	\$0.00		\$242,206.24	(\$188,794.96)
Mar-24	\$223,908.81	\$352,897.22	03/01/24	(\$128,988.41)	(\$318,542.06)
Apr-24	\$221,466.87	\$325,032.99	04/02/24	(\$103,566.12)	(\$423,264.03)
May-24	\$237,167.55	\$389,337.75	5/6/24 & 5/31/24	(\$152,170.20)	(\$577,068.14)
Jun-24	\$220,640.34	\$0.00		\$220,640.34	(\$357,909.40)
Jul-24	\$228,664.02	\$114,797.30	7/24/24 & 7/31/24	\$113,866.72	(\$244,972.55)
Aug-24	\$233,533.12	\$64,649.11	08/30/24	\$168,884.01	(\$76,509.63)
Sep-24	\$242,979.70	\$0.00		\$242,979.70	\$166,626.45
Total	<u>\$3,045,891.61</u>	<u>\$1,970,677.81</u>		<u>\$1,075,213.80</u>	

* Includes USF/Lifeline Credits Issued, Utility Portability, Adjustments and Fresh Start Forgiveness.
See USF Detail of Credits Issued to Customers.

ELIZABETHTOWN GAS COMPANY
USF Carrying Costs

a	Beginning Balance b	Customer Credits c	Administration Costs d	Clearinghouse Receipts e	Ending Balance f=b+c+d-e	Average Balance g=(b+f)/2	USF Interest Rate * h	Carrying Cost * After Tax i=q*h/12* (1-.02811)	Ending Balance ** plus Cumulative Interest j=f+ cum of i (Over) / Under
Oct-23	(\$895,458.27)	\$257,411.34	\$0.00	\$22,647.53	(\$660,694.46)	(\$778,076.37)	5.72%	(\$2,666.28)	(\$663,360.74)
Nov-23	(\$660,694.46)	\$320,843.42	\$0.00	\$54,133.52	(\$393,984.56)	(\$527,339.51)	5.55%	(\$1,753.36)	(\$398,404.20)
Dec-23	(\$393,984.56)	\$358,138.19	\$0.00	\$89,315.48	(\$125,161.85)	(\$259,573.21)	5.16%	(\$802.41)	(\$130,383.90)
Jan-24	(\$125,161.85)	\$258,932.01	\$0.00	\$557,866.91	(\$424,096.75)	(\$274,629.30)	4.93%	(\$811.11)	(\$430,129.91)
Feb-24	(\$424,096.75)	\$242,206.24	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$181,890.51)	(\$302,993.63)	4.80%	(\$871.29)	(\$188,794.96)
Mar-24	(\$181,890.51)	\$223,908.81	\$0.00	\$352,897.22	(\$310,878.92)	(\$246,384.72)	5.14%	(\$758.69)	(\$318,542.06)
Apr-24	(\$310,878.92)	\$221,466.87	\$0.00	\$325,032.99	(\$414,445.04)	(\$362,661.98)	5.32%	(\$1,155.85)	(\$423,264.03)
May-24	(\$414,445.04)	\$237,167.55	\$0.00	\$389,337.75	(\$566,615.24)	(\$490,530.14)	5.56%	(\$1,633.91)	(\$577,068.14)
Jun-24	(\$566,615.24)	\$220,640.34	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$345,974.90)	(\$456,295.07)	5.42%	(\$1,481.60)	(\$357,909.40)
Jul-24	(\$345,974.90)	\$228,664.02	\$0.00	\$114,797.30	(\$232,108.18)	(\$289,041.54)	5.37%	(\$929.87)	(\$244,972.55)
Aug-24	(\$232,108.18)	\$233,533.12	\$0.00	\$64,649.11	(\$63,224.17)	(\$147,666.18)	4.76%	(\$421.09)	(\$76,509.63)
Sep-24	(\$63,224.17)	\$242,979.70	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$179,755.53	\$58,265.68	4.48%	\$156.38	\$166,626.45
Total		\$3,045,891.61	\$0.00	\$1,970,677.81				(\$13,129.08)	-

* Effective October 24, 2008 the Interest Rate changed to a two year constant maturity Treasuries on the first day of each month, or the closest day thereafter on which rates are published, plus sixty basis points, on an after tax basis, but shall not exceed the overall rate of return for each utility as authorized by the Board per Board Order in Docket No. ER08060455 dated October 21, 2008.
www.federalreserve.gov/releases/h15/

** Presented to show the net (Over) / Under Recovery Position, not used in calculating monthly carrying costs.

ELIZABETHTOWN GAS COMPANY
USF Detail of Credits Issued to Customers

	<u>USF/Lifeline Credits Issued</u>	<u>Manual Utility Portability Adjustments</u>	<u>Fresh Start Forgiveness</u>	<u>Total Credits Issued</u>
Oct-23	\$198,090.39	(\$4,487.85)	\$63,808.80	\$257,411.34
Nov-23	\$215,555.86	(\$5,213.76)	\$110,501.32	\$320,843.42
Dec-23	\$208,413.05	(\$5,125.09)	\$154,850.23	\$358,138.19
Jan-24	\$199,306.96	(\$5,087.16)	\$64,712.21	\$258,932.01
Feb-24	\$193,055.04	(\$3,813.73)	\$52,964.93	\$242,206.24
Mar-24	\$185,879.69	(\$3,721.57)	\$41,750.69	\$223,908.81
Apr-24	\$182,956.84	(\$6,267.91)	\$44,777.94	\$221,466.87
May-24	\$168,855.77	(\$3,015.33)	\$71,327.11	\$237,167.55
Jun-24	\$162,413.76	(\$3,476.32)	\$61,702.90	\$220,640.34
Jul-24	\$162,042.52	(\$3,105.64)	\$69,727.14	\$228,664.02
Aug-24	\$160,012.40	(\$3,377.80)	\$76,898.52	\$233,533.12
Sep-24	\$171,269.30	(\$2,367.40)	\$74,077.80	\$242,979.70
Total	<u>\$2,207,851.58</u>	<u>(\$49,059.56)</u>	<u>\$887,099.59</u>	<u>\$3,045,891.61</u>

**ELIZABETHTOWN GAS COMPANY
Incremental Administration Costs**

	Account- temps	Newspaper Advertising	Other	Customer Mailings	USF- Related Systems Changes	Total Costs
Oct-23	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Nov-23	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Dec-23	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Jan-24	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Feb-24	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Mar-24	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Apr-24	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
May-24	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Jun-24	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Jul-24	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Aug-24	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Sep-24	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>

ELIZABETHTOWN GAS COMPANY
Utility USF Report

	Oct-23	Nov-23	Dec-23	Jan-24	Feb-24	Mar-24	Apr-24	May-24	Jun-24	Jul-24	Aug-24	Sep-24	Total dollars Average Cust
1 Number of USF customers (Active @ Month End)	17,259	13,015	12,627	12,290	11,879	11,742	11,526	11,289	11,385	11,635	12,838	13,265	12,563
2 Amount and distribution of Monthly USF benefits # Customers													
\$0 to \$25	68,660	64,218	62,780	60,820	60,373	58,727	59,217	57,484	56,673	59,973	61,336	71,648	741,910
\$26 to 50	10,783	10,060	9,724	9,528	9,296	9,120	9,076	8,844	8,826	9,012	9,229	10,893	9,533
\$51 to \$75	50,216	51,898	49,424	46,979	46,129	44,031	42,560	40,566	38,191	38,805	38,501	40,296	527,597
\$76 to 100	1,359	1,392	1,327	1,262	1,241	1,189	1,151	1,098	1,038	1,084	1,077	1,132	1,196
\$101 to \$125	38,445	44,263	42,844	40,340	38,255	36,487	34,845	32,046	30,582	29,785	28,615	28,123	424,630
\$126 to \$150	620	713	691	651	617	588	562	517	494	487	468	460	572
greater than \$150	21,087	26,274	25,556	24,633	23,605	22,309	20,814	17,410	16,552	16,472	16,052	16,649	247,412
total	193,591	210,491	204,143	194,463	189,469	181,790	179,975	165,870	158,973	162,042	160,012	171,269	2,172,088
# Customers	13,130	12,655	12,216	11,893	11,589	11,310	11,184	10,801	10,680	10,906	11,080	12,792	11,686
3 Amount and distribution of Arrearage Forgiveness- 3 dollars (Granted Quarterly) # Customers													
0 to 25	8,984	15,080	20,853	9,035	6,471	5,345	5,243	5,994	4,480	4,405	5,601	6,268	97,759
26 to 50	551	646	734	608	422	343	294	302	266	264	317	385	428
51 to 75	11,279	19,301	29,802	13,402	10,590	8,498	8,539	10,678	9,053	9,017	11,462	11,765	153,386
76 to 100	279	332	419	341	261	193	174	205	199	208	246	279	261
101 to 200	10,653	18,731	26,758	11,722	9,705	7,734	7,110	11,091	10,654	12,800	12,518	12,078	151,554
\$201 to \$300	159	180	220	172	136	101	101	134	155	170	174	170	156
\$301 to \$400	8,203	12,865	16,409	7,823	6,137	7,215	4,761	7,505	9,801	10,300	11,538	11,999	114,556
\$401 to \$500	80	100	109	85	58	62	53	75	104	109	120	129	90
\$501 to \$1000	10,466	17,012	26,432	10,604	9,009	7,151	9,416	17,989	17,768	21,899	24,641	22,542	194,930
\$1001 to \$2001	69	83	109	70	57	40	61	116	124	137	143	144	96
\$2001 to \$3000	6,983	12,602	14,942	5,382	4,232	3,471	5,843	9,256	5,414	4,299	4,806	4,877	82,107
\$3001 to \$4000	28	32	36	22	18	12	18	34	23	18	18	19	23
\$4001 to \$5000	1,497	5,975	9,333	2,522	1,850	773	742	4,305	1,844	3,428	3,371	2,059	37,700
greater than 5000	4	10	11	7	5	2	2	9	5	8	7	6	6
total	2,070	1,236	4,000	1,302	886	886	886	1,738	933	1,856	1,805	864	18,462
# Customers	3	3	7	3	2	2	2	4	2	4	4	2	3
total	3,674	5,763	5,207	2,918	2,295	678	2,238	1,683	1,756	1,723	1,155	1,626	30,716
# Customers	6	9	8	5	4	1	4	2	2	3	2	3	4
total	1,936	1,114	1,114	1,790	1,790	1,790	1,790	1,088	1,088	1,088	1,088	1,088	5,928
# Customers	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
total	63,809	110,501	154,850	64,712	52,965	41,751	44,778	71,327	61,703	69,727	76,897	74,078	887,098
# Customers	1,179	1,396	1,654	1,313	964	756	709	882	880	921	1,031	1,137	1,069

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Utility USF Report

	Oct-23	Nov-23	Dec-23	Jan-24	Feb-24	Mar-24	Apr-24	May-24	Jun-24	Jul-24	Aug-24	Sep-24	Total dollars
4 Distribution of full retail bills-dollars													
# Customers													
<i>0 to \$50</i>	\$ 307,974	\$ 180,155	\$ 81,262	\$ 58,416	\$ 55,732	\$ 64,335	\$ 68,218	\$ 140,514	\$ 245,764	\$ 237,750	\$ 234,080	\$ 275,703	\$ 1,949,903
<i>51 to \$100</i>	\$ 119,104	\$ 348,039	\$ 268,336	\$ 168,734	\$ 151,937	\$ 194,263	\$ 225,244	\$ 315,614	\$ 155,090	\$ 18,040	\$ 15,594	\$ 18,093	\$ 1,998,088
<i>\$101 to \$150</i>	\$ 29,093	\$ 160,712	\$ 385,559	\$ 323,104	\$ 304,390	\$ 336,102	\$ 346,545	\$ 151,850	\$ 30,204	\$ 6,134	\$ 4,302	\$ 4,592	\$ 2,082,587
<i>\$151 to \$200</i>	\$ 12,136	\$ 50,089	\$ 274,224	\$ 354,884	\$ 352,500	\$ 316,704	\$ 282,064	\$ 57,588	\$ 8,580	\$ 1,391	\$ 1,189	\$ 1,468	\$ 1,712,817
<i>201 to 250</i>	\$ 6,158	\$ 18,687	\$ 144,009	\$ 298,298	\$ 290,208	\$ 217,282	\$ 162,332	\$ 23,035	\$ 3,049	\$ 201	\$ 201	\$ 224	\$ 1,163,684
<i>250 plus</i>	\$ 6,606	\$ 19,274	\$ 130,424	\$ 502,373	\$ 542,036	\$ 291,041	\$ 178,699	\$ 22,255	\$ 2,871	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 827	\$ 1,696,406
Total	\$ 481,071	\$ 776,956	\$ 1,283,814	\$ 1,705,809	\$ 1,696,803	\$ 1,419,727	\$ 1,263,102	\$ 710,856	\$ 445,558	\$ 263,516	\$ 255,366	\$ 300,907	\$ 10,603,485
5 Number of participants terminated for nonpayment	0	0	0	0	0	0	58	28	10	1	1	-	98
6 Distribution of share of retail bill paid from all sources													
# of Customers													
<i>0 to 25 %</i>	4,181	4,575	694	7,372	1,568	7,756	6,390	5,621	2,320	4,928	5,384	5,312	4,675
<i>26% to 50%</i>	3,402	2,632	712	2,289	4,289	1,897	1,957	1,776	1,014	2,311	2,515	2,669	2,289
<i>51% to 75%</i>	554	903	280	678	1,841	440	498	464	254	564	507	514	625
<i>76% - 90%</i>	415	713	141	199	603	283	284	256	135	275	261	306	323
<i>91% to 100%</i>	999	930	271	296	315	176	407	629	306	404	445	595	481
<i>more than 100%</i>	3,739	2,718	10,348	1,276	3,181	1,008	1,844	2,327	7,092	2,892	3,100	3,362	3,574
7 Distribution of share of customer responsibility paid													
# Customers													
<i>0 to 25 %</i>	10,778	9,739	10,038	10,682	10,674	10,127	9,294	8,558	8,729	9,757	10,490	10,812	9,973
<i>26% to 50%</i>	177	360	580	346	229	394	381	303	118	88	111	115	267
<i>51% to 75%</i>	496	692	657	408	375	399	384	431	214	160	194	246	388
<i>76% - 90%</i>	590	472	348	158	151	217	264	353	193	190	242	306	290
<i>91% to 100%</i>	253	259	278	128	103	108	335	481	260	153	175	251	232
<i>more than 100%</i>	996	949	545	388	265	315	722	947	1,607	1,026	1,000	1,028	816
8 Partners	8	10	1	-	1	1	5	3	5	4	10	4	52
9 Program Administration Costs	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
10 Number of USF customers participating in Fresh Start	2,167	2,234	2,221	2,008	1,864	1,871	2,210	2,615	2,599	2807	3041	3443	29,080
11 Fresh Start dollars potentially forgivable	\$ 101,283	\$ 107,576	\$ 102,586	\$ 96,289	\$ 83,204	\$ 90,213	\$ 112,582	\$ 147,293	\$ 129,602	\$ 156,438	\$ 148,951	\$ 165,509	\$ 1,441,526.25

Notes: Item 2 - Q1 data updated and corrected June 2024. Adjusted the starting amount from \$5 to \$0 and updated associated customers to remain consistent across all categories.
Item 3 - Q2 data updated and corrected June 2024.