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**Via Email**

January 17, 2025

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 December 31, 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-24	21,237,948	\$0.0180	\$382,671	\$0.0056	\$119,907	\$502,578	\$382,671	11/12/24	\$119,907	ACH	11/12/24	\$502,578
Nov-24	33,274,380	\$0.0201	\$668,810	\$0.0056	\$186,522	\$855,332	\$668,810	12/10/24	\$186,522	ACH	12/10/24	\$855,332
Dec-24	61,214,583	\$0.0203	\$1,240,420	\$0.0056	\$342,870	\$1,583,290	\$1,240,420	01/10/25	\$342,870	ACH	01/10/25	\$1,583,290
Jan-25		\$0.0000		\$0.0000		\$0	\$0		\$0			\$0
Feb-25		\$0.0000		\$0.0000		\$0	\$0		\$0			\$0
Mar-25		\$0.0000		\$0.0000		\$0	\$0		\$0			\$0
Apr-25		\$0.0000		\$0.0000		\$0	\$0		\$0			\$0
May-25		\$0.0000		\$0.0000		\$0	\$0		\$0			\$0
Jun-25		\$0.0000		\$0.0000		\$0	\$0		\$0			\$0
Jul-25		\$0.0000		\$0.0000		\$0	\$0		\$0			\$0
Aug-25		\$0.0000		\$0.0000		\$0	\$0		\$0			\$0
Sep-25		\$0.0000		\$0.0000		\$0	\$0		\$0			\$0
<b>Total</b>	<b>115,726,911</b>		<b>\$2,291,901</b>		<b>\$649,299</b>	<b>\$2,941,200</b>	<b>\$2,291,901</b>		<b>\$649,299</b>			<b>\$2,941,200</b>

\* 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**

	<b>USF Credits Issued *</b>	<b>USF Funds Received From Clearinghouse</b>		<b>Under (Over) Recovery</b>	<b>Cumulative Under (Over) Recovery w/ Interest</b>
	a	b	c	d=a-b	
		Amount	Date		
Sep-24					\$166,626.45
Oct-24	\$271,618.89	\$62,120.45	10/03/24	\$209,498.44	\$376,809.34
Nov-24	\$286,224.47	\$65,900.88	11/04/24	\$220,323.59	\$598,534.21
Dec-24	\$319,637.10	\$249,125.86	12/04/24	\$70,511.24	\$670,850.63
Jan-25				\$0.00	\$0.00
Feb-25				\$0.00	\$0.00
Mar-25				\$0.00	\$0.00
Apr-25				\$0.00	\$0.00
May-25				\$0.00	\$0.00
Jun-25				\$0.00	\$0.00
Jul-25				\$0.00	\$0.00
Aug-25				\$0.00	\$0.00
Sep-25				\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Total</b>	<u>\$877,480.46</u>	<u>\$377,147.19</u>		<u>\$500,333.27</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**

<u>a</u>	<u>Beginning Balance</u> <u>b</u>	<u>Customer Credits</u> <u>c</u>	<u>Administration Costs</u> <u>d</u>	<u>Clearinghouse Receipts</u> <u>e</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u> <u>f=b+c+d-e</u>	<u>Average Balance</u> <u>g=(b+f)/2</u>	<u>USF Interest Rate *</u> <u>h</u>	<u>Carrying Cost * After Tax</u> <u>i=g*h/12*</u> (1-.02811)	<u>Ending Balance ** plus Cumulative Interest</u> <u>j=f+ cum of i</u> (Over) / Under
Oct-24	\$166,626.45	\$271,618.89	\$0.00	\$62,120.45	\$376,124.89	\$271,375.67	4.21%	\$684.45	\$376,809.34
Nov-24	\$376,124.89	\$286,224.47	\$0.00	\$65,900.88	\$596,448.48	\$486,286.69	4.81%	\$1,401.28	\$598,534.21
Dec-24	\$596,448.48	\$319,637.10	\$0.00	\$249,125.86	\$666,959.72	\$631,704.10	4.77%	\$1,805.18	\$670,850.63
Jan-25	\$666,959.72	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$666,959.72	\$666,959.72	4.77%	\$1,905.92	\$672,756.55
Feb-25	\$666,959.72	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$666,959.72	\$666,959.72	4.77%	\$1,905.92	\$674,662.47
Mar-25	\$666,959.72	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$666,959.72	\$666,959.72	4.77%	\$1,905.92	\$676,568.39
Apr-25	\$666,959.72	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$666,959.72	\$666,959.72	4.77%	\$1,905.92	\$678,474.31
May-25	\$666,959.72	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$666,959.72	\$666,959.72	4.77%	\$1,905.92	\$680,380.23
Jun-25	\$666,959.72	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$666,959.72	\$666,959.72	4.77%	\$1,905.92	\$682,286.15
Jul-25	\$666,959.72	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$666,959.72	\$666,959.72	4.77%	\$1,905.92	\$684,192.07
Aug-25	\$666,959.72	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$666,959.72	\$666,959.72	4.77%	\$1,905.92	\$686,097.99
Sep-25	\$666,959.72	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$666,959.72	\$666,959.72	4.77%	\$1,905.92	\$688,003.91
<b>Total</b>		<u>\$877,480.46</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$377,147.19</u>				<u>\$21,044.19</u>	-

\* 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/](http://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**

	<b>USF/Lifeline Credits Issued</b>	<b>Manual Utility Portability Adjustments</b>	<b>Fresh Start Forgiveness</b>	<b>Total Credits Issued</b>
Oct-24	\$176,538.96	(\$3,506.02)	\$98,585.95	\$271,618.89
Nov-24	\$177,072.12	(\$6,291.17)	\$115,443.52	\$286,224.47
Dec-24	\$206,712.58	(\$6,535.72)	\$119,460.24	\$319,637.10
Jan-25				\$0.00
Feb-25				\$0.00
Mar-25				\$0.00
Apr-25				\$0.00
May-25				\$0.00
Jun-25				\$0.00
Jul-25				\$0.00
Aug-25				\$0.00
Sep-25				\$0.00
Total	<u>\$560,323.66</u>	<u>(\$16,332.91)</u>	<u>\$333,489.71</u>	<u>\$877,480.46</u>

**ELIZABETHTOWN GAS COMPANY**  
**Incremental Administration Costs**

	Account- temps	Newspaper Advertising	Other	Customer Mailings	USF- Related Systems Changes	Total Costs
Oct-24	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Nov-24	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Dec-24	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Jan-25	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Feb-25	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Mar-25	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Apr-25	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
May-25	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Jun-25	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Jul-25	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Aug-25	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Sep-25	\$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>

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Utility USF Report

	Oct-24	Nov-24	Dec-24	Jan-25	Feb-25	Mar-25	Apr-25	May-25	Jun-25	Jul-25	Aug-25	Sep-25	Total dollars Average Customers
1 Number of USF customers (Active @ Month End)	17,512	13,023	13,119										14,551
2 Amount and distribution of Monthly USF benefits # Customers													
\$0 to \$25	\$69,809	\$57,755	\$63,515										\$191,079
	11,181	9,552	10,291										10,341
\$26 to 50	\$42,148	\$42,607	\$50,965										\$135,720
	1,181	1,193	1,416										1,263
\$51 to \$75	\$28,992	\$32,504	\$41,348										\$102,844
	475	533	677										562
\$76 to 100	\$17,257	\$19,821	\$24,697										\$61,775
	202	231	289										241
\$101 to \$125	\$7,174	\$8,935	\$9,910										\$26,019
	65	81	90										79
\$126 to \$150	\$3,091	\$3,703	\$4,368										\$11,162
	23	27	32										27
greater than \$150	\$4,562	\$5,456	\$5,373										\$15,391
	27	28	29										28
<b>total</b>	<b>\$173,033</b>	<b>\$170,781</b>	<b>\$200,176</b>										<b>\$543,990</b>
	<b>13,154</b>	<b>11,645</b>	<b>12,824</b>										<b>12,541</b>
3 Amount and distribution of Arrearage Forgiveness- dollars (Granted Quarterly) # Customers													
\$0 to \$25	\$8,746	\$11,695	\$11,349										\$31,790
	530	592	593										572
\$26 to 50	\$15,080	\$19,537	\$22,788										\$57,405
	342	400	407										383
\$51 to \$75	\$18,281	\$20,501	\$20,384										\$59,166
	237	241	244										241
\$76 to 100	\$13,450	\$16,748	\$17,325										\$47,523
	139	150	146										145
\$101 to \$125	\$28,205	\$31,826	\$33,046										\$93,077
	180	186	187										184
\$201 to \$300	\$8,616	\$8,540	\$4,730										\$21,886
	26	27	17										23
\$301 to \$400	\$3,400	\$2,801	\$4,634										\$10,835
	8	7	7										7
\$401 to \$500	\$1,300	\$1,743	\$1,300										\$4,343
	3	4	3										3
\$501 to \$1000	\$1,508	\$2,052	\$3,904										\$7,464
	2	3	3										3
\$1001 to \$2001													
\$2001 to \$3000													
\$3001 to \$4000													
\$4001 to \$5000													
greater than 5000													
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$98,586</b>	<b>\$115,443</b>	<b>\$119,460</b>										<b>\$333,489</b>
	<b>1,467</b>	<b>1,610</b>	<b>1,607</b>										<b>1,561</b>

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Utility USF Report

	Oct-24	Nov-24	Dec-24	Jan-25	Feb-25	Mar-25	Apr-25	May-25	Jun-25	Jul-25	Aug-25	Sep-25	Total dollars Average Customers
4 Distribution of full retail bills-dollars													
# Customers													
\$0 to \$50	\$297,213	\$163,335	\$67,357										\$527,905
	10,143	5,445	2,533										6,040
\$51 to \$100	\$184,596	\$379,290	\$205,036										\$768,922
	2,816	5,276	2,687										3,593
\$101 to \$150	\$31,316	\$194,472	\$357,433										\$563,221
	263	1,626	2,859										1,583
\$151 to \$200	\$8,176	\$64,638	\$366,040										\$438,854
	48	379	2,108										845
201 to 250	\$2,847	\$19,602	\$286,037										\$308,486
	13	89	1,282										461
250 plus	\$1,398	\$10,392	\$439,045										\$450,835
	12	34	1,362										469
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$525,546</b>	<b>\$831,729</b>	<b>\$1,720,948</b>										<b>\$3,078,223</b>
	<b>13,295</b>	<b>12,849</b>	<b>12,831</b>										<b>12,992</b>
5 Number of participants terminated for nonpayment	3	5	2										3
6 Distribution of share of retail bill paid from all sources													
# of Customers													
0 to 25 %	5,718	5,631	5,159										5,503
26% to 50%	2,901	2,107	1,796										2,268
51% to 75%	603	748	835										729
76% - 90%	408	521	366										432
91% to 100%	795	728	531										685
more than 100%	2,941	2,720	4,081										3,247
7 Distribution of share of customer responsibility paid													
# Customers													
0 to 25 %	11,368	9,615	10,452										10,478
26% to 50%	123	231	440										265
51% to 75%	338	529	592										486
76% - 90%	429	422	360										404
91% to 100%	268	255	292										272
more than 100%	840	1,403	632										958
8 Number of USF customers participating in Comfort Partners	5	3	5										4
9 Program Administration Costs	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -										\$ -
10 Number of USF customers participating in Fresh Start	3,368	3,518	3,695										3,527
11 Fresh Start dollars potentially forgivable	\$166,386	\$172,404	\$173,874										\$512,664