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Basic Gas Supply Service  
(BGSS) Report  
February 2025  
Docket No. GR24060372

Dear Secretary Lewis:

In this letter New Jersey Natural Gas Company (the "Company") is submitting its Basic Gas Supply Service ("BGSS") report for February 2025.

The underlying gas cost projections are based on the March 13, 2025 NYMEX and result in a projected September 30, 2025 underrecovery of approximately \$3.6 million.

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.

If you have any questions, please contact me via email at [adembia@njng.com](mailto:adembia@njng.com).

Very truly yours,

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**NEW JERSEY NATURAL GAS COMPANY**  
**BASIC GAS SUPPLY SERVICE**  
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**REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF: February 2025**

**NEW JERSEY NATURAL GAS COMPANY  
UNDER/(OVER) RECOVERED GAS COSTS  
BGSS YEAR 2025**

**SCHEDULE 1**

	Actual											Estimate	TOTAL
	Oct-24	Nov-24	Dec-24	Jan-25	Feb-25	Mar-25	Apr-25	May-25	Jun-25	Jul-25	Aug-25	Sep-25	
1. Under/(Over) Recovered Gas Costs Beg. of Period	(32,457)	(31,348)	(29,753)	(26,736)	(36,916)	(25,115)	(9,216)	(2,942)	(817)	382	1,616	2,147	(32,457)
2. Net Cost Appl. To BGSS Sales (Sch 2a)	13,865	26,865	64,703	91,489	76,001	61,668	30,452	14,709	9,740	10,071	9,521	9,346	418,430
3. BGSS Recoveries (Sch 2b)	(8,574)	(15,862)	(35,686)	(45,846)	(34,871)	(29,246)	(15,599)	(8,323)	(5,645)	(5,709)	(5,471)	(5,413)	(216,247)
4. Under/(Over) Rec. Gas Costs - Current Period (L.2 - L.3)	5,291	11,003	29,017	45,643	41,129	32,422	14,853	6,386	4,095	4,362	4,050	3,933	202,183
Adjustments													
5. Storage Incentive (Sch.4j)	1,304	640	72	0	0	0	353	569	435	478	0	689	4,540
6. Off-System Sales (Sch.4e)	(319)	(619)	(6,038)	(27,867)	(9,795)	(166)	(115)	(86)	(115)	(371)	(404)	(71)	(45,965)
7. Capacity Rel. (Sch.4f)	0	0	0	(2,412)	(31)	(34)	(87)	(89)	(87)	(89)	(89)	(87)	(3,005)
8. Supplier Ref. and Misc. Adj.(Sch.5)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
9. Balancing Credits and Penalty Charges (Sch.4g)	(5,147)	(9,413)	(20,015)	(25,529)	(19,491)	(16,310)	(8,718)	(4,641)	(3,115)	(3,133)	(3,013)	(3,011)	(121,537)
10. Environmental Attributes (Sch. 4k)	(20)	(17)	(18)	(14)	(12)	(13)	(13)	(13)	(13)	(13)	(13)	(13)	(171)
11. Total Debits and Credits (L.5 through L.10)	(4,181)	(9,409)	(26,000)	(55,822)	(29,329)	(16,523)	(8,580)	(4,261)	(2,895)	(3,128)	(3,519)	(2,493)	(166,139)
12. Under/(Over) Recov. Gas Costs. End of Period (L's.1,4,&11)	(31,348)	(29,753)	(26,736)	(36,916)	(25,115)	(9,216)	(2,942)	(817)	382	1,616	2,147	3,587	3,587

**NEW JERSEY NATURAL GAS COMPANY  
GAS COSTS AND RECOVERIES  
BGSS YEAR 2025  
\$(000) & (000)THERMS**

	Actual											Estimate	
	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
<b>SCHEDULE 2a</b>													
<b>COST OF GAS-CURRENT PERIOD</b>													
Total Gas Costs <sup>1</sup>	16,467	35,677	88,189	130,948	105,575	81,852	55,284	39,969	34,719	37,693	37,246	33,627	697,247
<b>REDUCTIONS TO COST OF GAS</b>													
Sayreville (Sch. 4b)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	7	30	0	50
Forked Rv. (Sch. 4c)	1	6	14	14	9	3	29	10	25	103	150	1	365
Off System Sales (Sch.4e)	2,557	8,755	23,430	42,225	29,551	20,220	24,904	25,356	25,045	27,617	27,650	24,382	281,691
Capacity Release (Sch. 4f)	0	0	0	(2,838)	(37)	(39)	(102)	(105)	(102)	(105)	(105)	(102)	(3,535)
Storage Incentive Sales	0	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9
Company Use Gas	45	41	42	58	51	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	237
Total Reductions	2,602	8,812	23,486	39,459	29,575	20,184	24,831	25,260	24,980	27,621	27,725	24,281	278,817
Net Cost Appl. To BGSS Sales (Sch.1.,L.2)	13,865	26,865	64,703	91,489	76,001	61,668	30,452	14,709	9,740	10,071	9,521	9,346	418,430
<b>SCHEDULE 2b</b>													
<b>GAS COST RECOVERIES</b>													
BGSS Sales	24,385	44,997	97,943	125,879	95,717	79,008	41,892	22,189	14,900	14,903	14,207	14,295	590,314
Monthly BGSS Sales (GSL, DGC)	2,830	4,687	8,971	11,184	8,413	7,955	4,633	2,700	1,925	1,985	1,983	1,921	59,188
Monthly BGSS Sales (IS, CNG, NGV)	57	60	54	95	67	62	79	69	73	82	85	85	867
Periodic BGSS Sales	21,498	40,249	88,918	114,600	87,237	70,990	37,180	19,419	12,902	12,837	12,139	12,289	530,259
Recovery Rate \$ per Therm:													
Periodic BGSS Rate	0.3444	0.3444	0.3444	0.3444	0.3444	0.3444	0.3444	0.3444	0.3444	0.3444	0.3444	0.3444	0.3444
Monthly BGSS Sales (GSL, DGC)	0.4019	0.4190	0.5599	0.5640	0.5678	0.5970	0.5900	0.5861	0.5949	0.6163	0.6170	0.5812	0.5812
Monthly BGSS Sales (IS, CNG, NGV)	0.5786	0.5959	0.7371	0.7412	0.7450	0.7742	0.7672	0.7633	0.7721	0.7935	0.7942	0.7584	0.7584
Recoveries:													
Periodic BGSS	7,404	13,862	30,623	39,468	30,044	24,449	12,805	6,688	4,444	4,421	4,181	4,232	182,621
Monthly BGSS(GSL, DGC)	1,137	1,964	5,023	6,308	4,777	4,749	2,734	1,583	1,145	1,223	1,223	1,116	32,983
Monthly BGSS (IS, CNG, NGV)	33	36	40	70	50	48	61	53	56	65	67	64	643
Total BGSS Recovery (Sch. 1, L. 3))	8,574	15,862	35,686	45,846	34,871	29,246	15,599	8,323	5,645	5,709	5,471	5,413	216,247

<sup>1</sup> Total Gas Costs equals the sum of Total Allocated Costs on Schedule 2c and the non-production Company Use Gas. The non-production Company Use Gas is included in Total Gas Costs and removed in the Reduction to Gas Costs on Schedule 2a for no impact to the BGSS.

**NEW JERSEY NATURAL GAS COMPANY  
TOTAL GAS COSTS  
BGSS YEAR 2025**

		SCHEDULE 2c											
		Actual					Estimate						
		Oct-24	Nov-24	Dec-24	Jan-25	Feb-25	Mar-25	Apr-25	May-25	Jun-25	Jul-25	Aug-25	Sep-25
<b>MDth</b>													
Beginning of Month Storage Balance		30,809	35,352	33,302	25,274	15,335	8,314	5,961	8,149	13,499	18,387	20,839	25,892
Commodity Purchases		8,556	7,150	9,732	11,303	10,939	11,291	13,585	15,019	13,599	11,417	13,962	13,519
Sub-total of Available Supplies	A	39,365	42,503	43,034	36,577	26,274	19,604	19,546	23,168	27,098	29,804	34,802	39,410
Less volumes with assigned cost allocations													
Off System Sales, Electric Gen, Other		1,636	4,399	8,418	8,658	8,275	5,736	7,209	7,443	7,211	7,470	7,488	7,200
Monthly BGSS Sales (GSL, DGC)		283	469	897	1,118	841	796	463	270	193	198	198	192
Monthly BGSS Sales (IS, CNG, NGV)		6	6	5	9	7	6	8	7	7	8	8	8
FEED Sales		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Company Use Non Prod Sales		2	2	2	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sub-total of Assigned Cost Allocations	B	1,927	4,876	9,322	9,790	9,128	6,538	7,680	7,720	7,410	7,676	7,695	7,401
Allocation WACOG Volume	C = A - B	37,439	37,627	33,712	26,786	17,146	13,067	11,866	15,448	19,688	22,128	27,106	32,009
<i>volume available for allocation</i>													
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Beginning of Month Storage Balance		68,845	78,243	67,296	50,281	29,781	15,853	11,742	19,570	35,021	48,156	53,296	67,922
Beginning of Month WACOG Inventory		108,810	121,158	132,096	111,331	76,979	50,534	34,643	38,801	51,470	66,843	81,476	97,430
Commodity Purchases		17,976	14,746	29,140	57,652	45,250	40,089	45,934	46,455	41,892	35,832	46,194	39,889
Demand Charges		20,193	20,880	21,228	18,387	20,309	21,762	21,336	21,633	21,336	21,633	21,633	21,336
Sub-total of Available Supplies	D	215,824	235,027	249,759	237,651	172,319	128,238	113,655	126,460	149,718	172,464	202,599	226,577
Less volumes with assigned cost allocations													
Off System Sales, Electric Gen, Other		2,558	8,771	23,444	42,239	29,561	20,224	24,933	25,365	25,082	27,727	27,830	24,383
Monthly BGSS Sales (GSL, DGC)		1,137	1,964	5,023	6,308	4,777	4,749	2,734	1,583	1,145	1,223	1,223	1,116
Monthly BGSS Sales (IS, CNG, NGV)		33	36	40	70	50	48	61	53	56	65	67	64
GSL, DGC Sales Balancing		500	829	1,590	1,982	1,491	1,445	839	488	347	358	358	347
Sub-total of Assigned cost allocations	E	4,228	11,600	30,096	50,598	35,878	26,466	28,567	27,489	26,630	29,372	29,479	25,910
Allocation WACOG Costs	F = D - E	211,595	223,428	219,663	187,053	136,441	101,772	85,088	98,971	123,088	143,092	173,120	200,666
<i>\$ available for allocation</i>													
\$/Dth WACOG	G = F / C	5.6518	5.9379	6.5159	6.9831	7.9574	7.7887	7.1707	6.4066	6.2519	6.4666	6.3867	6.2690
<b>MDth</b>													
Periodic BGSS Sales		2,150	4,025	8,892	11,460	8,724	7,099	3,718	1,942	1,290	1,284	1,214	1,229
CoUse & UFG		8	23	17	38	29	12	8	6	4	3	2	2
Periodic BGSS Sales & CoUse & UFG	H	2,158	4,048	8,909	11,498	8,752	7,111	3,726	1,948	1,294	1,287	1,216	1,231
<i>volume to be allocated</i>													
Periodic BGSS (\$/Therm WACOG * Periodic BGSS volume)	I = G * H	12,194	24,036	58,050	80,292	69,646	55,387	26,717	12,480	8,089	8,320	7,768	7,717
<i>allocated cost</i>													
Plus assigned cost allocations													
Off System Sales, Electric Gen, Other		2,558	8,771	23,444	42,239	29,561	20,224	24,933	25,365	25,082	27,727	27,830	24,383
Monthly BGSS Sales (GSL, DGC)		1,137	1,964	5,023	6,308	4,777	4,749	2,734	1,583	1,145	1,223	1,223	1,116
Monthly BGSS Sales (IS, CNG, NGV)		33	36	40	70	50	48	61	53	56	65	67	64
GSL, DGC Sales Balancing		500	829	1,590	1,982	1,491	1,445	839	488	347	358	358	347
COG Adjustment		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sub-total of Assigned cost allocations	J	4,228	11,600	30,096	50,598	35,878	26,466	28,567	27,489	26,630	29,372	29,479	25,910
<b>Total Allocated Costs (Sch 2a Total Gas Costs)</b>	<b>K = I + J</b>	<b>16,423</b>	<b>35,635</b>	<b>88,147</b>	<b>130,890</b>	<b>105,525</b>	<b>81,852</b>	<b>55,284</b>	<b>39,969</b>	<b>34,719</b>	<b>37,693</b>	<b>37,246</b>	<b>33,627</b>
End of Month Storage Balance		L	78,243	67,296	50,281	29,781	16,260	11,742	19,570	35,021	48,156	53,296	67,922
Total Allocated Costs & Storage Balances		M = K+L	94,665	102,932	138,428	160,672	121,785	93,595	74,854	74,990	82,875	90,989	113,824
Current Month WACOG Inventory Balance		N = D - M	121,158	132,096	111,331	76,979	50,534	34,643	38,801	51,470	66,843	81,476	97,430

**NEW JERSEY NATURAL GAS COMPANY  
THERM SALES  
BGSS YEAR 2025  
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**SCHEDULE 3**

	Actual											Estimate	
	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
Residential BGSS Sales	20,369	37,844	83,031	106,276	80,841	66,328	35,036	18,445	12,340	12,259	11,562	11,730	496,060
<b>Total Residential Sales</b>	<b>20,369</b>	<b>37,844</b>	<b>83,031</b>	<b>106,276</b>	<b>80,841</b>	<b>66,328</b>	<b>35,036</b>	<b>18,445</b>	<b>12,340</b>	<b>12,259</b>	<b>11,562</b>	<b>11,730</b>	<b>496,060</b>
C&I Monthly BGSS Sales (GSL, DGC)	2,830	4,687	8,971	11,184	8,413	7,955	4,633	2,700	1,925	1,985	1,983	1,921	59,188
C&I Monthly BGSS Sales (CNG, NGV, IS)	57	60	54	95	67	62	79	69	73	82	85	85	867
C&I Periodic BGSS Sales	1,130	2,405	5,887	8,324	6,396	4,662	2,144	974	562	578	577	559	34,199
<b>Total Commercial &amp; Industrial Sales</b>	<b>4,017</b>	<b>7,152</b>	<b>14,912</b>	<b>19,603</b>	<b>14,876</b>	<b>12,680</b>	<b>6,856</b>	<b>3,743</b>	<b>2,560</b>	<b>2,645</b>	<b>2,644</b>	<b>2,565</b>	<b>94,254</b>
<b>Total Firm Sales</b>	<b>24,385</b>	<b>44,997</b>	<b>97,943</b>	<b>125,879</b>	<b>95,717</b>	<b>79,008</b>	<b>41,892</b>	<b>22,189</b>	<b>14,900</b>	<b>14,903</b>	<b>14,207</b>	<b>14,295</b>	<b>590,314</b>
Interruptible IGS (Sch. 4a)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sayreville (Sch. 4b)	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	35	19	80	0	137
Forked River (Sch. 4c)	6	24	36	33	23	10	84	28	71	277	404	4	999
Off System Sales (Sch. 4e)	16,358	43,941	84,140	86,547	82,731	57,350	72,000	74,400	72,000	74,400	74,400	72,000	810,268
Storage Incentive Sales	0	28	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	28
<b>Total Non-Firm Sales</b>	<b>16,364</b>	<b>43,993</b>	<b>84,177</b>	<b>86,581</b>	<b>82,755</b>	<b>57,360</b>	<b>72,085</b>	<b>74,429</b>	<b>72,106</b>	<b>74,697</b>	<b>74,884</b>	<b>72,004</b>	<b>811,432</b>
<b>Total Sales</b>	<b>40,749</b>	<b>88,989</b>	<b>182,120</b>	<b>212,459</b>	<b>178,471</b>	<b>136,367</b>	<b>113,978</b>	<b>96,618</b>	<b>87,006</b>	<b>89,600</b>	<b>89,091</b>	<b>86,299</b>	<b>1,401,746</b>
Firm Transportation	1,439	1,702	2,011	2,466	2,174	2,173	2,002	1,618	1,172	1,162	1,251	1,155	20,325
GSS Transportation	270	624	1,125	1,674	1,315	922	438	211	130	134	134	130	7,107
GSL Transportation	3,974	6,623	11,846	13,985	10,788	9,473	5,565	3,280	2,351	2,429	2,429	2,351	75,094
NGV Transport	24	99	(39)	0	0	43	46	49	52	62	58	57	451
DGC Balancing	43	53	47	53	111	76	73	75	72	75	75	71	822
DGC Firm Transportation	219	188	189	190	181	381	367	356	351	348	348	346	3,463
Residential Transportation	499	961	2,011	2,567	1,978	1,684	910	437	254	262	262	254	12,080
Interruptible Transportation	1,242	1,287	1,402	1,188	1,067	1,126	1,255	1,315	1,269	1,159	1,167	1,113	14,590
Lakewood Cogen	1,231	18	123	104	109	291	516	955	2,700	7,200	7,543	1,848	22,640
Ocean Peaking Power	405	417	149	305	677	155	262	566	3,069	7,588	7,023	1,382	21,999
Red Oak	37,980	17,042	9,152	5,949	7,351	7,894	16,076	17,011	22,055	37,082	36,963	19,653	234,210
<b>Total Transportation</b>	<b>47,326</b>	<b>29,014</b>	<b>28,017</b>	<b>28,481</b>	<b>25,751</b>	<b>24,218</b>	<b>27,512</b>	<b>25,873</b>	<b>33,475</b>	<b>57,501</b>	<b>57,253</b>	<b>28,360</b>	<b>412,782</b>
<b>Total Mtherms</b>	<b>88,075</b>	<b>118,004</b>	<b>210,136</b>	<b>240,940</b>	<b>204,223</b>	<b>160,586</b>	<b>141,490</b>	<b>122,490</b>	<b>120,481</b>	<b>147,101</b>	<b>146,344</b>	<b>114,658</b>	<b>1,814,528</b>

**NEW JERSEY NATURAL GAS COMPANY  
MARGIN SHARING FROM STORAGE INCENTIVE  
AND SAYREVILLE / FORKED RIVER GAS COST SUMMARY  
BGSS YEAR 2025  
\$(000) & (000)THERMS**

	Actual      Estimate											TOTAL	
	Oct-24	Nov-24	Dec-24	Jan-25	Feb-25	Mar-25	Apr-25	May-25	Jun-25	Jul-25	Aug-25		Sep-25
<b>SAYREVILLE</b>	<b>SCHEDULE 4b</b>												
Therm Sales (Sch. 3)	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	35	19	80	0	137
Rate per therm							0.34588	0.34080	0.34784	0.37119	0.37164		n/a
Cost of Gas (Sch. 2a)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	7	30	0	50
<b>FORKED RIVER</b>	<b>SCHEDULE 4c</b>												
Therm Sales (Sch. 3)	6	24	36	33	23	10	84	28	71	277	404	4	999
Rate per therm	0.19000	0.24648	0.37662	0.42344	0.40385	0.35257	0.34588	0.34080	0.34784	0.37119	0.37164	0.33864	n/a
Cost of Gas (Sch.2a)	1	6	14	14	9	3	29	10	25	103	150	1	365
<b>Storage Incentive</b>	<b>SCHEDULE 4j</b>												
Storage Gain (Loss)	6,520	3,202	360	0	0	0	1,767	2,844	2,173	2,390	0	3,444	22,700
NJNG Sharing @ 20% (Sch.1, L.5)	1,304	640	72	0	0	0	353	569	435	478	0	689	4,540





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**SCHEDULE 5**

(Sch 1. LINE 8)

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Opening balance BGSS Interest Sch 6	2,161	2,161
Adjustments to BGSS opening balance are captured on Schedule 1		
OCT 2024	0	0
NOV 2024	0	0
DEC 2024	0	0
JAN 2025	0	0
FEB 2025	0	0
MAR 2025	0	0
APR 2025	0	0
MAY 2025	0	0
JUN 2025	0	0
JUL 2025	0	0
AUG 2025	0	0
SEP 2025	0	0
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TOTALS		<u><u>2,161</u></u>

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**COMPUTATION OF INTEREST ON UNDER/(OVER) RECOVERED BALANCES**

DATE	COMBINED BALANCE	\$(000) AVERAGE BALANCE	ANNUAL RATE	SCHEDULE 6 ANNUAL RATE
			Effective Oct-Nov 20, 2024	6.84%
SEP 2023	(32,457)		Effective Nov 21, 2024	7.08%
OCT 2024	(31,348)	(31,902)	0.5700%	(182)
NOV 2024	(29,753)	(30,551)	0.5767%	(176)
DEC 2024	(26,736)	(28,245)	0.5900%	(167)
JAN 2025	(36,916)	(31,826)	0.5900%	(188)
FEB 2025	(25,115)	(31,015)	0.5900%	(183)
MAR 2025	(9,216)	(17,166)	0.5900%	(101)
APR 2025	(2,942)	(6,079)	0.5900%	(36)
MAY 2025	(817)	(1,880)	0.5900%	(11)
JUN 2025	382	(217)	0.5900%	(1)
JUL 2025	1,616	999	0.5900%	6
AUG 2025	2,147	1,882	0.5900%	11
SEP 2025	3,587	2,867	0.5900%	17
				<u>(1,011)</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>INTEREST TO BE CREDITED TO CUSTOMER</b>			<u><u>(1,011)</u></u>