

NOTICE TO PUBLIC SERVICE ELECTRIC AND GAS COMPANY ELECTRIC CUSTOMERS

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF PUBLIC SERVICE ELECTRIC AND GAS COMPANY FOR APPROVAL OF THE RECOVERY OF ASSOCIATED COSTS RELATED TO THE COMMUNITY SOLAR ENERGY PILOT PROGRAM (“PILOT PROGRAM”)

Notice of a Filing and Notice of Public Hearings | BPU Docket No. ER21050859

TAKE NOTICE that, in May 2021, Public Service Electric and Gas Company (“Public Service,” “PSE&G” or “Company”) filed a petition with the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (“Board” or “BPU”) requesting approval of the recovery of associated costs related to the Community Solar Energy Pilot Program (the “Pilot Program”). The Pilot Program allows customers of an electric public utility to participate in a solar energy project that is located remotely from their properties, and to receive credits on their electric bills based on their participation in the solar project.

PSE&G is proposing to recover approximately \$429,000 in revenue associated with costs related to the Pilot Program for the period March 1, 2020, through April 30, 2021. The costs the Company is seeking to recover include but are not limited to: (a) investments in information technology (“IT Investment”), (b) the bill credits provided to participants in the Pilot Program, and (c) the Pilot Program O&M expenses.

The Company proposes to recover all Pilot Program costs through a new component of the electric Green Programs Recovery Charge (“GPRC”), the Community Solar Energy Program (“CSEP”) component. The CSEP component will be applicable to all electric rate schedules and will be reviewed and modified in subsequent annual filings.

Under this proposal, the Company would defer any over/under recovery of the monthly actual revenue requirements compared with actual revenues. In calculating the monthly interest on net over and under recoveries, the interest rate shall be based upon the Company’s interest rate obtained on its commercial paper and/or bank credit lines utilized in the preceding month. The proposed electric GPRC, if approved by the Board, is shown in Table #1.

The approximate effect of the proposed increase on typical electric residential monthly bills, if approved by the Board, is illustrated in Table #2.

Based on the filing, a typical residential electric customer using 740 kilowatt-hours per summer month and 6,920 kilowatt-hours on an annual basis would see an initial increase in the annual bill from \$1,285.88 to \$1,285.92, or \$0.04 or approximately 0.01%.

Any rate adjustments with resulting changes in bill impacts found by the Board to be just and reasonable as the result of the Company’s filing may be modified and/or allocated by the Board in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 48:2-21, and for other good and legally sufficient reasons, to any class or classes of customers of the Company. Therefore, the described charges may increase or decrease based upon the Board’s decision.

The Company’s filing is available for review online at the PSEG website at <http://www.pseg.com/pseandgfilings>.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that due to the COVID-19 pandemic, telephonic public hearings have been scheduled for the following date and times so that members of the public may present their views on the Company’s Pilot Program petition.

Date: Thursday, October 28, 2021

Time: 4:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. **Dial In:** (888) 475-4499

Meeting ID: 984 1858 3388 **Passcode:** 139791

Representatives from the Company, Board Staff, and the New Jersey Division of Rate Counsel will participate in the telephonic public hearings. Members of the public are invited to participate by utilizing the Dial-In number and Access Code set forth above and may express their views on the Pilot Program petition. All comments will be made a part of the final record of the proceeding and will be considered by the Board. In order 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.

The Board will also accept written and/or electronic comments. While all comments will be given equal consideration and will be made part of the final record of this proceeding, the preferred method of transmittal is via the Board’s Public Document Search Tool by searching for the specific docket listed above, and then posting the comment by utilizing the “Post Comments” button.

Emailed comments may be filed with the Secretary of the Board, in PDF or Word format, to board.secretary@bpu.nj.gov. Detailed instructions for e-Filing can be found on the Board’s home page at <https://www.nj.gov/bpu/agenda/efiling>.

Written comments may be submitted to the Board Secretary, Aida Camacho-Welch, at the Board of Public Utilities, 44 South Clinton Avenue, 1st Floor, P.O. Box 350, Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0350. All mailed or emailed comments should include the name of the petition and the docket number.

All comments are considered “public documents” for purposes of the State’s Open Public Records Act. Commenters may identify information that they seek to keep confidential by submitting them in accordance with the confidentiality procedures set forth in N.J.A.C. 14:1-12.3.

Table #1 – GPRC Charge

	CSEP Component of the GPRC		Total Electric GPRC	
	Present \$/kWhr (Incl. SUT)	Proposed \$/kWhr (Incl. SUT)	Present \$/kWhr (Incl. SUT)	Proposed \$/kWhr (Incl. SUT)
GPRC Electric	\$0.000000	\$0.000012	\$0.002340	\$0.002352

Table #2 – Residential Electric Service

If Your Annual kWhr Use Is:	And Your Monthly Summer kWhr Use Is:	Then Your Present Monthly Summer Bill (1) Would Be:	And Your Proposed Monthly Summer Bill (2) Would Be:	Your Monthly Summer Bill Change Would Be:	And Your Monthly Percent Change Would Be:
1,732	185	\$38.06	\$38.07	\$0.01	0.03%
3,464	370	71.21	71.21	0.00	0.00
6,920	740	139.35	139.36	0.01	0.01
7,800	803	151.49	151.50	0.01	0.01
12,500	1,337	254.37	254.38	0.01	0.00

- (1) Based upon current Delivery Rates and Basic Generation Service Residential Small Commercial Pricing (BGS-RSCP) charges in effect May 1, 2021, and assumes that the customer receives BGS-RSCP service from Public Service Electric and Gas Company.
- (2) Same as (1) except includes the CSEP component of the GPRC.

