

## NOTICE OF FILING AND PUBLIC HEARING

### IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF SOUTH JERSEY GAS COMPANY TO REVISE THE LEVELS OF ITS SOCIETAL BENEFITS CLAUSE (“SBC”) CHARGES AND ITS TRANSPORTATION INITIATION CLAUSE (“TIC”) CHARGE BPU DOCKET NO. GR20070504

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that on July 31, 2020, South Jersey Gas Company (“Company” or “South Jersey”) filed a petition with the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (“Board”) in BPU Docket No. GR20070504 seeking to increase the overall level of its Societal Benefits Clause (“SBC”) through an increase to its Remediation Adjustment Clause (“RAC”) charge, and an increase to its Clean Energy Program (“CLEP”) charge (both components of the SBC), as well as a decrease to its Transportation Initiation Clause (“TIC”) charge.

The RAC recovers costs associated with remediating former manufactured gas plant sites, while the CLEP recovers costs associated with energy efficiency and renewable energy programs. The TIC recovers capital expenditures and operating costs, including consulting and transaction costs, associated with Electronic Data Interchange implementation. The SBC and TIC provide no profit to the Company. These clauses allow the Company to pass through to its customers only the costs incurred to conduct the related mandated programs.

The rates proposed by South Jersey in this petition would result in the following bill impacts for a typical residential heating customer using one-hundred (100) therms of gas during a winter month:

	<u>RAC</u>	<u>CLEP</u>	<u>TIC</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Current Rate	\$0.048815	\$0.019265	\$0.001321	\$0.069401
Proposed Rate	<u>\$0.050626</u>	<u>\$0.028475</u>	<u>\$0.000386</u>	<u>\$0.079487</u>
Rate (Decrease)/Increase	<u>\$0.001811</u>	<u>\$0.009210</u>	<u>(\$0.000935)</u>	<u>\$0.010086</u>
Dollar (Decrease)/Increase	\$0.18	\$0.92	(\$0.09)	\$1.01
Percentage (Decrease)/Increase	0.13%	0.65%	(0.06)%	0.72%

If these rate changes are approved, the overall bill impact would be a monthly increase of \$1.01, or 0.72%, for a typical residential heating customer using one-hundred (100) therms in a winter month.

The Board has the statutory and regulatory authority to approve and establish these tariff classifications and charges at levels it finds just and reasonable. Therefore, the Board may determine and establish these charges at levels other than those proposed by South Jersey.

Any assistance required by customers in ascertaining the impact of the proposed rate increase will be provided by the Company upon request.

A copy of the Notice of Filing and Public Hearings on the Petition is being served upon the clerk, executive, or administrator of each municipality and county within the Company's service territory. The Petition and this Notice have also been sent to the New Jersey Division of Rate Counsel ("Rate Counsel"), who will represent the interests of all South Jersey customers in this proceeding. Copies of the Petition are available online at [www.southjerseygas.com/About-South-Jersey-Gas/Regulatory-Compliance-Tariff-Information.aspx](http://www.southjerseygas.com/About-South-Jersey-Gas/Regulatory-Compliance-Tariff-Information.aspx).

**PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE** that, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, a telephonic public hearing will be conducted on the following day and times so that members of the public may present their views on the Company's filing.

Date: Tuesday, March 9, 2021

Public Hearing 1: 4:30pm

Public Hearing 2: 5:30pm

Dial-In: 1-866-984-3164

Conference ID: 737-099-592 followed by #

Representatives from the Company, Board Staff, and Rate Counsel will participate in the telephonic public hearing. Members of the public are invited to participate by utilizing the Dial-In and Conference ID information set forth above, and may express their views on this filing. Such comments will be made part of the final record of the proceeding to 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 devices, 48 hours prior to the above hearings to the Board's Secretary at [board.secretary@bpu.nj.gov](mailto:board.secretary@bpu.nj.gov).

The Board will also accept email and/or written comments. While all comments will be given equal consideration and will be made part of the final record of this proceeding, the recommended method for submission of comments is via email or the portal to ensure timely receipt while the Board continues to work remotely due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Emailed comments may be filed with the Secretary of the Board, in PDF or Word format to [board.secretary@bpu.nj.gov](mailto:board.secretary@bpu.nj.gov) or through the Board's External Access Portal after obtaining a MyNewJersey Portal ID. Once an account is established, you will need an authorization code, which can be obtained upon request by emailing the Board's IT Helpdesk at [BPUIHELPDESK@bpu.nj.gov](mailto:BPUIHELPDESK@bpu.nj.gov). Detailed instructions for e-Filing can be found on the Board's homepage at <https://www.nj.gov/bpu/agenda/efiling>. Written comments may also be submitted to the Board Secretary, Aida Camacho-Welch, at the Board of Public Utilities, 44 South Clinton Avenue, 9th Floor, P.O. Box 350, Trenton, NJ 08625-0350. All comments should include the name of the petition and the docket number.

**South Jersey Gas Company**  
**Melissa Orsen, President and Chief Operating Officer**