

NOTICE TO BUTLER ELECTRIC UTILITY CUSTOMERS

In the Matter of the Petition of Butler Electric for Approval of a Zero Emission Certificate Recovery Charge

Notice of a Filing and Notice of Public Hearings BPU Docket No. EO22100629

TAKE NOTICE that Butler Electric Utility (“Butler” or “Company”) filed a Petition with the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (the “Board”) seeking the Board’s approval of a Zero Emission Certificate Recovery Charge (“ZECRC”)

The legislation establishing the ZECRC directs the New Jersey Electric Distribution Companies (“EDCs”) to return excess monies in each EDC’s separate, interest-bearing account to its retail distribution customers at the end of each energy year. Butler proposes to set its Refund of Excess Collections Credit Rate (“RECCR”) to \$0.000073 (a charge above the established \$0.00400 regular rate) as of January 1, 2023 to prevent further under-collection.

In October 2021, the Company filed to increase the RECCR (that is, to reduce the customer credit rate) from (\$0.000149) per kilowatt-hour without Sales and Use Tax (“SUT) to (\$0.000083) per kilowatt-hour, without SUT. The Company designed the proposed rate to return Energy Year 2021 over-collections totaling \$8,730.86 over a 12-month period commencing January 1, 2022. However, the proposed rate did not become effective until May 1, 2022, resulting in an excess return of over-collection to customers. As a result, the Company estimates an under-collected balance, including interest, of \$11,139.54 as of January 2023. Additionally, during Energy Year 2022, the Company’s ZECRC over-collections totaled \$3,379.70. As a result, the estimated net balance for Energy years 2021 and 2022 would be an under-collected balance of \$7,754.89. Given this under-recovery, the Company is proposing to set the RECCR to \$0.000073 beginning January 1, 2023. Any remaining balance due to customers, including interest, will be carried over to the next year’s RECCR filing.

The below chart shows the estimated bill impact of the proposed increases in charges based on the revised RECCR for each rate class, although the actual effect on specific customers will vary according to the applicable rate schedule and level of the individual customer’s usage. The impact for a Butler Electric residential customer, living outside of the Borough of Butler, using 6.920kWh annually would be \$1.44 per year or 0.14%.

Residential Electric Service				
Typical Average Monthly Bill (Includes Sales and Use Tax) Outside of Borough of Butler				
			Increase	
	Present Charges	Proposed Charges	Amount	Percent
740 kWh average monthly use	\$85.66	\$85.78	\$0.12	0.14%
6,920 kWh average annual use	\$1,027.92	\$1,029.36	\$1.44	0.14%

Copies of the Petition and Exhibits are available for inspection at the Borough of Butler Municipal Building, One Ace Road, Butler, New Jersey 07405, during normal business hours 9:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. Monday through Friday. A copy of the Petition is also available on the Borough’s website at: <https://www.butlerborough.com/documents/ZECFilingOct2022.pdf>. The Petition is also available for review online through the Board’s website, <https://publicaccess.bpu.state.nj.us> where you can search by the above-captioned docket number.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a virtual public hearing on this matter has been scheduled at the following date, time and place:

VIRTUAL PUBLIC HEARING

DATE: December 20, 2022

TIMES: 4:30 & 5:30 P.M.

LOCATION: Virtual

Link: <https://www.gotomeet.me/butlerborough>

Phone: 1-872-240-3412 ID 798-999-309#

Representatives of the Company, Board Staff and the New Jersey Division of Rate Counsel will participate in the virtual public hearings. Members of the public are invited to participate in the Virtual Meeting by utilizing the Dial-In Number and Conference ID set forth above and may express their views on this Petition. All comments will be made 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 Acting 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. Search for the docket number listed above, and post by utilizing the "Post Comments" button. Emailed comments may also be filed with the Acting Board Secretary, in pdf or Word format, to board.secretary@bpu.nj.gov.

Written comments may be submitted to the Acting Board Secretary, Carmen D. Diaz, at the Board of Public Utilities, 44 South Clinton Avenue, 1st Floor, P.O. Box 350, Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0350. All emailed or mailed 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.

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