

**NOTICE TO
ATLANTIC CITY ELECTRIC COMPANY
CUSTOMERS**

**Notice of Filing
and Notice of Public Hearings
(referred to as the “Notice”)**

**In the Matter of the 2024/2025 Annual Compliance Filings for a Change in the Statewide
Electric and Gas Permanent Universal Service Fund Program Factors within the
Electric and Gas Societal Benefits Charges Rates Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:2-21 and
N.J.S.A. 49:2-21.1**

BPU Docket No. ER24070486

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Universal Service Fund (“USF”) Program established by the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (“Board” or “BPU”) pursuant to the Electric Discount and Energy Competition Act, N.J.S.A. 48:3-49, et seq., serves to provide funds to assist qualifying low-income individuals in paying their energy bills. Pursuant to Board Orders, the costs of the USF Program will be recovered through uniform statewide rates that are included in the Societal Benefits Charge (“SBC”) for each of the State’s electric and gas public utilities. The SBC also includes funding for the Lifeline program, which provides assistance with heating costs to qualifying elderly and disabled persons. The State of New Jersey’s Department of Community Affairs is the Administrator of the USF Program. The New Jersey Department of Human Services is the Administrator of the Lifeline programs and authorizes the disbursement of benefits to eligible customers in the respective programs.

On June 28, 2024, Atlantic City Electric Company (“ACE” or “Company”) made an Annual Compliance Filing with the Board and provided supporting documentation for changes in the USF and Lifeline components of ACE’s SBC to become effective on October 1, 2024.

Based upon the results and available estimates known to date for the 2023/2024 USF program year, and the available estimates for the 2024/2025 USF program year, it is anticipated that the USF rates will be set to collect \$236.5 million, of which approximately \$143.8 million would be recovered through electric rates with the remaining \$92.7 million recovered through gas rates on a statewide basis. The Lifeline rates are anticipated to collect \$74.5 million, of which \$49.2 million would be recovered through electric rates with the remaining \$25.3 million recovered through gas rates on a statewide basis.

The current combined rate, after sales and use tax (“SUT”), for the USF and Lifeline programs for electric customers is \$0.002069 per kilowatt-hour (“kWh”). As proposed, the after-SUT USF/Lifeline program charge for electric customers would increase by \$0.000900 per kWh, consisting of an increase of \$0.000887 per kWh in the USF component and an increase of \$0.000013 per kWh in the Lifeline component, to a total rate of \$0.002969 per kWh.

Based upon the Company’s filing date, a typical residential customer using 643 kWh per month would see an increase in the customer’s monthly bill of \$0.58 from \$166.99 to \$167.57 or 0.35%. The percentage change applicable to specific customers will vary according to the applicable service classification and the level of the customer’s usage.

It is important to note that the above requests will not result in any profit to ACE. The revenues received under the proposed USF and Lifeline Program factors are designed to permit the Company to recover its costs associated with these programs. Actual program costs will be reconciled with the revenues received through the USF and Lifeline Program charges in the next scheduled annual USF and Lifeline filing to be made on or before July 1, 2025.

The proposed charges for electric customers are as follows:

Universal Service/Lifeline Fund Components of Societal Benefits Charge				
	Present	Present (Incl. Sales and Use Tax)	Proposed	Proposed (Incl. Sales and Use Tax)
USF-Electric per kWh	\$0.001243	\$0.001325	\$0.002075	\$0.002212
Lifeline-Electric per kWh	\$0.000698	\$0.000744	\$0.000710	\$0.000757
Total	\$0.001941	\$0.002069	\$0.002785	\$0.002969

The effect of the proposed changes in the electric USF/Lifeline Program charge on typical Residential electric bills, if approved by the Board, is illustrated below:

Residential Electric Service				
Typical Average Monthly Bill				
(Includes New Jersey SUT)				
			Increase	
	Present Charges (1)	Proposed Charges (2)	Amount	Percent
643 kWh average monthly use	\$166.99	\$167.57	\$0.58	0.35%
680 kWh average monthly use	\$176.21	\$176.82	\$0.61	0.35%
1,000 kWh average monthly use	\$257.94	\$258.84	\$0.90	0.35%
1,500 kWh average monthly use	\$386.51	\$387.86	\$1.35	0.35%

(1) Based upon Basic Generation Service Residential Small Commercial Pricing (BGS-RSCP) and Delivery Rates in effect June 1, 2024 and assumes that the customer receives BGS-RSCP service from ACE.

(2) Same as (1) above except includes change in USF/Lifeline.

The Board has the statutory authority to establish the USF and Lifeline charges at levels it finds just and reasonable. Any final rate adjustments found by the Board to be just and reasonable 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 Board may establish the USF and Lifeline charges at levels other than those proposed by the Company.

A copy of this Notice is being served upon the clerk, executive or administrator of each municipality and county within ACE's service territory. The Company's Annual Compliance Filing and this Notice have also been sent to the New Jersey Division of Rate Counsel ("Rate Counsel"), who will represent the interests of all ACE customers in this proceeding. Copies of this Notice and other relevant documents are posted on the Company's website at www.atlanticcityelectric.com/PublicPostings.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that virtual public hearings will be conducted on the following date and times so that members of the public may present their views on the filing:

VIRTUAL PUBLIC HEARINGS

Date: Wednesday, August 21, 2024

Hearing Times: 4:30 P.M. and 5:30 P.M.

Location: Microsoft Teams Meeting

<https://tinyurl.com/3hb7a4tr>

[Join a Microsoft Teams Meeting by ID | Microsoft Teams](#)

Meeting ID: 293 488 091 875

Passcode: gW6FRN

-or-

Dial-In: [+1 \(443\) 529-0267](tel:+14435290267)

Conference ID: 391 514 723, followed by the # sign

Representatives of ACE, Board Staff, and Rate Counsel will participate in the virtual public hearings. Members of the public are invited to participate by utilizing the Meeting ID or Dial-In Number set forth above to express their views on this filing. All comments will become part of the final record to be considered by the Board. To encourage full participation in this opportunity for public comment, please submit any requests for accommodations, such as interpreters or listening assistance, 48 hours prior to the above hearing to the Board Secretary at board.secretary@bpu.nj.gov.

Comments may be submitted directly to the specific docket number listed above using the "Post Comments" button on the Board's Public Document Search tool at <https://publicaccess.bpu.state.nj.us/>. Comments are considered public documents for purposes of the State's Open Public Records Act. Only documents that are intended to be public should be submitted using the "Post Comments" button on the Board's Public Document Search tool. Any confidential information should be submitted in accordance with the procedures set forth in N.J.A.C. 14:1-12.3. In addition to hard copy submissions, confidential information may also be filed electronically via the Board's e-filing system or by email to the Secretary of the Board, Sherri L. Golden. Please include "Confidential Information" in the subject line of any email. Instructions for confidential e-filing are found on the Board's webpage at <https://www.nj.gov/bpu/agenda/efiling/>.

Emailed and/or written comments may also be submitted to:

Sherri L. Golden, RMC
Secretary of the Board
New Jersey Board of Public Utilities
44 South Clinton Ave., 1st Floor
P.O. Box 350
Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0350
Phone: (609) 913-6241
Email: board.secretary@bpu.nj.gov

All emailed or mailed comments should include the name of the matter referenced above and the assigned docket number.

Dated: August 1, 2024

Atlantic City Electric Company