

NOTICE OF FILING AND PUBLIC HEARINGS TO  
PUBLIC SERVICE ELECTRIC AND GAS COMPANY  
ELECTRIC AND GAS CUSTOMERS

In the Matter of the 2025/2026Annual Compliance Filing for a Change in the Statewide Electric and Gas  
Permanent Universal Service Fund Program Factors within the Electric and Gas Societal Benefits Charge Rates  
Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:2-21 and N.J.S.A. 48:2-21.1

BPU Docket No. ER25060371

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that, the Universal Service Fund (“USF”) Program established by the Board of Public Utilities (“Board”), 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 are recovered through uniform statewide rates that are included in the Societal Benefit 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 program and authorizes the disbursement of benefits to eligible customers in the respective program.

On June 27, 2025, Public Service Electric and Gas Company (“PSE&G” or “Company”), made an Annual Compliance Filing with the Board and provided supporting documentation for changes in the USF and Lifeline components of the electric and gas SBC to become effective on October 1, 2025 (“Filing”).

Based upon the results and available estimates known to date for the 2024/2025 USF program year, and the available estimates for the 2025/2026 USF Program year, it is anticipated that the USF rates will be set to collect \$332.1 million, of which approximately \$242.1 million would be recovered through electric rates with the remaining \$90 million recovered through gas rates on a statewide basis. The Lifeline rates are anticipated to collect \$74.6 million, of which, \$50.7 million would be recovered through electric rates with the remaining \$23.9 million recovered through gas rates on a statewide basis.

The current combined rate, for the USF and Lifeline programs for electric customers is \$0.002969 per kilowatt-hour (“kWh”), including sales and use tax (“SUT”). As proposed, the USF/Lifeline program charge for electric customers would increase by \$0.001539 per kWh, including SUT, consisting of an increase of \$0.003728 per kWh including SUT in the USF component and an increase of \$0.000780 per kWh including SUT in the Lifeline component, to a total rate of \$0.004508 per kWh including SUT.

If approved by the Board, a typical residential electric customer using 683 kWh in a summer month and 558 kWh in an average month (6,700 kWh annually) would see an increase in their average monthly bill from \$158.15 to \$159.02 or \$0.87 or approximately 0.6%. The Statewide average residential electric customers using 650 kWhs in an average month (7,800 kWh annually) would see an increase in their average monthly bill from \$183.69 to \$184.69, or \$1.00 or approximately 0.5%. The percentage change applicable to specific customers will vary according to the applicable rate schedule and the level of the customer’s usage.

The current combined rate, for the USF and Lifeline programs for gas customers is \$0.027600 per therm including SUT. As proposed, the USF/Lifeline program charge for gas customers would decrease by \$0.000700 per therm including SUT, consisting of a decrease of \$0.021200 per therm including SUT in the USF component and a decrease of \$0.005700 per therm including SUT in the Lifeline component, to a total rate of \$0.026900 per therm including SUT.

If approved by the Board, a typical residential gas heating customer using 172 therms per month during the winter months, and 87 therms in an average month (1,040 therms annually) would see a decrease in the average monthly bill from \$100.70 to \$100.63, or \$0.07 or approximately .01% (based upon Delivery Rates and BGSS-RSG charges in effect as of June 1, 2025 and assuming that the customer receives BGSS service from PSE&G). The statewide average residential gas customers using an average of 83 therms monthly (1,000 therms annually) would see a net decrease in the average monthly bill from \$95.98 to \$95.91 or \$0.07 or approximately 0.1%.

The proposed statewide electric and gas charges for customers, if approved by the Board, are shown in Table #1. The requests will not result in any profit to PSE&G. The revenues received under the proposed USF and Lifeline program factors are designed to permit PSE&G 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 no later than July 1, 2026.

Tables #2 and #3 illustrate the effect of the proposed changes in the electric and gas USF and Lifeline program charges on typical electric and gas residential monthly bills, if approved by the Board.

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.

A copy of this Notice of Filing and Public Hearings on the Filing is being served upon the clerk, executive or administrator of each municipality and county within the Company’s service territory. The Filing is available for review online at the PSE&G website at <http://www.pseg.com/pseandgfilings> and has also been sent to the New Jersey Division of Rate Counsel (“Rate Counsel”), who will represent the interests of all PSE&G customers in this proceeding. The Filing is also available to review online on the Board’s website, <https://publicaccess.bpu.state.nj.us>, where you can search by the above-captioned docket number. The Filing and Board file may also be reviewed at the Board located at 44 South Clinton Avenue, 1st Floor, Trenton, NJ, with an appointment. To make an appointment, please call (609) 913-6298.

**PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE** that virtual public hearings are scheduled on the following date and times so that members of the public may present their views on the Filing:

**DATE: September 4, 2025**  
**TIMES: 4:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.**  
**Join: Join Microsoft Teams Meeting**

There are two options for joining.  
Either go to this website: [www.pseg.com/PSEGpublichearings](http://www.pseg.com/PSEGpublichearings),  
or go to <https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/microsoft-teams/join-a-meeting>  
and enter the following information:

Meeting ID: 992 979 119 781  
Passcode: 3X59PZ

-or-

Join by Phone  
**Dial In:** (973) 536-2286  
**Phone conference ID:** 537 811 425#  
When prompted, enter the phone conference ID to access the meeting.

Representatives from the Company, Board Staff and Rate Counsel will participate in the virtual public hearings. Members of the public are invited to participate by utilizing the link or dial-in number set forth above and may express their views on the Filing. 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](mailto:board.secretary@bpu.nj.gov).

The Board is also accepting written and electronic comments. Comments may be submitted directly to the specific docket listed above using the “Post Comments” button on the Board’s Public Document Search tool (<https://publicaccess.bpu.state.nj.us/>). Comments are considered public documents for purposes of the State’s Open Public Records Act. Only public documents 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. Please include “Confidential Information” in the subject line of any email. Instructions for confidential e-filing are found on the Board’s webpage: <https://www.nj.gov/bpu/agenda/efiling/>.

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

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Table # 1  
Universal Service and Lifeline Fund Components of Societal Benefits Charge

Electric Tariff Rates	Present per kWh	Present (Incl. SUT) per kWh	Proposed per kWh	Proposed (Incl. SUT) per kWh
USF	\$0.002075	\$0.002212	\$0.003496	\$0.003728
Lifeline	0.000710	0.000757	0.000732	0.000780
<b>USF and Lifeline - Electric</b>	<b>0.002785</b>	<b>0.002969</b>	<b>0.004228</b>	<b>0.004508</b>
Gas Tariff Rates	Present per therm	Present (Incl. SUT) per therm	Proposed per therm	Proposed (Incl. SUT) per therm
USF	\$0.020300	\$0.021600	\$0.019900	\$0.021200
Lifeline	0.005600	0.006000	0.005300	0.005700
<b>USF and Lifeline - Gas</b>	<b>0.025900</b>	<b>0.027600</b>	<b>0.025200</b>	<b>0.026900</b>

Table # 2  
Typical Residential Electric Bill Impacts

If Your Average Monthly kWh Use Is:	And Your Monthly Summer kWh Use Is:	Then Your Present Monthly Bill (1) Would Be:	And Your Proposed Monthly Bill (2) Would Be:	Your Average Monthly Bill Change Would Be:	And Your Percent Change Would Be:
140	171	\$43.97	\$44.18	\$0.21	0.5 %
279	342	81.95	82.38	0.43	0.5
558	683	158.15	159.02	0.87	0.6
650	803	183.69	184.69	1.00	0.5
977	1,279	275.60	277.11	1.51	0.6

- (1) Based upon current Delivery Rates and Basic Generation Service Residential Small Commercial Pricing (BGS-RSCP) charges in effect June 1, 2025, and assumes that the customer receives BGS-RSCP service from PSE&G.
- (2) Same as (1) except includes the changes in USF and Lifeline components of the SBC.

Table # 3  
Typical Residential Gas Bill Impacts

If Your Average Monthly Therm Use Is:	And Your Monthly Winter Therm Use Is:	Then Your Present Monthly Bill (1) Would Be:	And Your Proposed Monthly Bill (2) Would Be:	Your Average Monthly Bill Change Would Be:	And Your Percent Change Would Be:
16	25	\$26.50	\$26.49	(\$0.01)	(0.0) %
33	50	43.00	42.98	(0.02)	(0.1)
51	100	63.02	62.98	(0.04)	(0.1)
83	133	95.98	95.91	(0.07)	(0.1)
87	172	100.70	100.63	(0.07)	(0.1)
100	198	114.71	114.63	(0.08)	(0.1)

- (1) Based upon current Delivery Rates and Basic Gas Supply Service (BGSS-RSG) charges in effect June 1, 2025, and assumes that the customer receives BGSS-RSG service from PSE&G.
- (2) Same as (1) except includes the changes in USF and Lifeline components of the SBC.