

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

**IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF ELIZABETHTOWN GAS COMPANY
TO REVISE THE REMEDIATION ADJUSTMENT CLAUSE COMPONENT
OF ITS SOCIETAL BENEFITS CHARGE RATE
BPU Docket No. GR22070465**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on July 29, 2022, Elizabethtown Gas Company (“Company” or “Elizabethtown”) filed a Petition with the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (“BPU” or “Board”) in BPU Docket No. GR22070465 to revise the Remediation Adjustment Clause (“RAC”) component of its Societal Benefits Charge (“SBC”) rate. The Company’s SBC rate consists of four components: 1) the New Jersey Clean Energy Program (“CEP”) component, which recovers the costs of statewide energy efficiency and renewable energy programs mandated by the Board; 2) the RAC, which allows the Company to recover certain environmental remediation costs; 3) the Universal Service Fund; and 4) the Lifeline program. The Universal Service Fund and Lifeline Program are both statewide, low-income energy bill payment assistance programs. Specifically, the Company requested to establish a RAC rate of \$0.0023 per therm, inclusive of applicable taxes, to be effective October 1, 2022. A comparison of the Company’s current rate to the proposed rate is as follows:

	Current Rate	Proposed Rate
	<u>Per Therm</u>	<u>Per Therm</u>
RAC	(\$0.0083)	\$0.0023

The effect of the Company's filing on the monthly bill of a typical residential customer using an average of 100 therms, as compared to the Company’s rates in effect as of November 1, 2022, is illustrated below:

<u>Consumption in Therms</u>	<u>Present Monthly Bill November 1, 2022</u>	<u>Proposed Monthly Bill Upon effective date</u>	<u>Change in Bill</u>	<u>Percent Change</u>
100	\$147.73	\$148.79	\$1.06	0.7%

The Board has the statutory authority to establish Elizabethtown's rates at levels it finds just and reasonable as well as to establish the effective date of such rates. Therefore, the BPU may establish the rates at levels and/or an effective date other than those proposed by Elizabethtown.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, virtual-telephonic public hearings have been scheduled on the following date and times below so that members of the public may present their views on the Company’s Petition. Members of the public may present their views on the Petition during the public hearings by dialing the toll-free telephone number listed below, followed by entering the listed passcode when prompted or by accessing the Teams link:

VIRTUAL PUBLIC HEARING

DATE: December 14, 2022

HEARING TIMES: 4:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.

LOCATION: Microsoft Teams Meeting

ID: 230 841 992 297

PASSCODE: wUNQkc

(Access the Microsoft Teams App or Microsoft Teams on the web. On the left side of the screen, click the “Teams” icon. Select “Join or ‘create a team”. Press “Join” and enter the Meeting ID and Passcode when prompted.)

or

Dial In: 866-984-3163

Conference ID: 676 125 948 followed by the # sign

Copies of Elizabethtown's Petition can be reviewed on the Company's website at www.elizabethtowngas.com/rates-and-tariff under regulatory information. The Petition is also available to review online through the Board's website, <https://publicaccess.bpu.state.nj.us> where you can search by the above-captioned docket number. Representatives of the Company, Board Staff and the New Jersey Division of Rate Counsel will participate in the virtual-telephonic public hearings. Members of the public are invited to participate in the Microsoft Teams Meeting or 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.

Elizabethtown Gas Company
Christie McMullen – President and Chief Operating Officer