

NOTICE OF FILING AND PUBLIC HEARINGS
IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF SOUTH JERSEY GAS COMPANY FOR
APPROVAL OF A RATE ADJUSTMENT PURSUANT TO THE INFRASTRUCTURE
INVESTMENT PROGRAM (“IIP”)

BPU Docket No. GR24040282

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on April 30, 2024, as modified on July 15, 2024, South Jersey Gas Company (“South Jersey” or “Company”) filed a petition with the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (“Board”) seeking Board approval to increase rates associated with the Company’s IIP (“Petition”). By Order dated June 8, 2022, the Board approved the IIP and the associated cost recovery mechanism (“IIP Order”).¹ The IIP Order authorized the Company to invest up to \$200 million over a five (5)-year period from July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2027, to replace up to 250 miles of pre-code coated steel and pre-1971 vintage Aldyl-A plastic mains and related services, as well as the installation of excess flow valves on new service lines (“IIP Projects”). The IIP Order also authorized the Company to make annual filings with the Board to recover the costs associated with the in-service IIP Projects and to earn a return on and a return of those investments through annual adjustments to rates.

The Petition seeks Board approval to recover \$4.2 million of revenue requirements, excluding sales and use tax (“SUT”), associated with approximately \$40 million of IIP Projects placed in-service from July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024, with an October 1, 2024 rate effective date. IIP Projects are intended to enhance distribution safety and reliability to the benefit of South Jersey’s customers. The Company also believes that the IIP supports the environment and facilitates economic development and employment in New Jersey.

If the proposed rate increase is approved by the Board effective October 1, 2024, the per therm rates, inclusive of SUT, to the firm customers served under the Service Classifications listed below, including certain firm Board-approved special contract customers served under the Company's firm rate classes, if applicable, would be as follows:

		Current Rates per Therm	Proposed Rates per Therm	Change per Therm
RSG	Residential	\$0.011513	\$0.022918	\$0.011405
GSG	General Service	\$0.009176	\$0.018266	\$0.009090
GSG-LV	General Service - Large Volume	\$0.005172	\$0.010297	\$0.005125
CTS	Comprehensive Firm Transportation Service	\$0.003200	\$0.006370	\$0.003170
LVS	Large Volume Service	\$0.001668	\$0.003319	\$0.001651
EGS	Electric Generation Service	\$0.002238	\$0.004455	\$0.002217
EGS-LV	Electric Generation Service – Large Volume	\$0.000285	\$0.000567	\$0.000282
NGV	Natural Gas Vehicles	\$0.003984	\$0.007931	\$0.003947

¹ In re South Jersey Gas Company – To Implement an Infrastructure Investment Program (“IIP”) and Associated Recovery Mechanism Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:2-21 and N.J.A.C. 14:3-2A, BPU Docket No. GR20110726, Order dated June 8, 2022.

YLS*	Yard Lighting Service	\$0.119790	\$0.238448	\$0.118658
SLS*	Street Lighting Service	\$0.129131	\$0.257041	\$0.127910
	Firm Special Contracts	\$0.000000	\$0.000000	\$0.000000

*Represents the monthly rate per installation.

The impact of the proposed rates as compared to rates in effect on July 1, 2024, for a residential customer using 100 therms is an increase to the customer’s monthly bill by \$1.14 from \$182.72 to \$183.86, or 0.6%.

The Board has the statutory authority, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:2-21, to establish South Jersey’s rates at levels it finds just and reasonable as well as to establish the effective date of such rates. Therefore, the Board may establish a Rider “B” rate at a level and/or an effective date other than those proposed by South Jersey. South Jersey’s costs addressed in the Petition will remain subject to audit by the Board, and Board approval shall not preclude or prohibit the Board from taking any such actions deemed appropriate as a result of any such audit.

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

Copies of South Jersey’s Petition can be reviewed on the Company’s website at www.southjerseygas.com under Regulatory Information.

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 Company’s Petition:

Date: August 28, 2024
Hearing Times: 4:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.

Location: Microsoft Teams Meeting
<https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/GR24040282/SJG.IIP>

Meeting ID: 216 293 081 034
Passcode: 7aQpSd

(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: 866-984-3164
Conference ID: 809 957 681, followed by the # sign

A copy of this Notice of Filing and Public Hearings in this matter is being served upon the clerk,

executive, or administrator of each municipality and county within the Company's service territory.

Representatives from 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 by utilizing the Microsoft Teams Meeting Link or the Dial-In Number and Conference ID to express their views on this Petition. 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.

The Board is also accepting written and electronic comments. 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. 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 at <https://www.nj.gov/bpu/agenda/efiling/>.

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

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