

NOTICE TO NEW JERSEY NATURAL GAS CUSTOMERS

In the Matter of the Petition of New Jersey Natural Gas Company for Approval of the Cost Recovery Associated with the Energy Efficiency Programs
Docket No. GR24060380

NOTICE OF FILING AND PUBLIC HEARINGS

TO OUR CUSTOMERS:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on May 31, 2024, New Jersey Natural Gas ("NJNG" or the "Company") filed a petition with the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities ("Board") seeking approval to implement a change to its Energy Efficiency ("EE") Rider F through which it recovers costs associated with EE Programs ("Programs") offered through the Board-approved SAVEGREEN™ Program. The Programs provide EE offerings for residential, commercial, and industrial customers, including special resources for low to moderate income customers. The Programs include discounted energy saving measures, grants, financing opportunities, technical assistance, and other resources to help address barriers to saving energy and making investments in energy efficiency improvements more accessible for all customers. Pursuant to various Board Orders in Docket Nos. G012070640, G014121412, G018030355, Q019010040 and G020090622, NJNG is authorized to recover all reasonable and prudent costs associated with the SAVEGREEN™ programs. The budgets approved by various Board Orders and proposed costs include funds for grants, customer incentives and the associated incremental operations and maintenance expenses, along with associated carrying costs.

Rider F is applied with existing components and processes of the Board-approved Societal Benefits Charge applicable to all jurisdictional throughputs. The current after-tax EE charge for natural gas customers is \$0.0494 per therm, including New Jersey Sales and Use Tax ("SUT"). The Company has requested an increase of \$0.0011 per therm to the "EE Programs Established 2013-2018" component and an increase of \$0.0072 per therm to the "EE Triennium 1 Program" component for a total increase of \$0.0083 per therm effective October 1, 2024. If approved, the after-tax EE charge will increase to \$0.0577 per therm, including SUT. The change results in an overall increase of \$0.83, or 0.6 percent, on a typical 100-therm residential bill.

The proposed statewide charges for natural gas customers are as follows:

	Present	Present (Incl. Sales and Use Tax)	Proposed	Proposed (Incl. Sales and Use Tax)
EE Programs Established 2013-2018	\$0.0232	\$0.0247	\$0.0242	\$0.0258
EE Triennium 1	\$0.0232	\$0.0247	\$0.0299	\$0.0319
Total EE	\$0.0464	\$0.0494	\$0.0541	\$0.0577

The impact of the Company's filing, requested to be effective on October 1, 2024, or as of the effective date of the final Board Order in this proceeding, on a typical residential customer (both heat and non-heat), a typical general service small customer and a typical general service large customer on a monthly basis is estimated to be as follows based on the usage levels shown below:

Customer Type	Therm Level (Usage)	Total Monthly Bill		Net Increase	Percent Increase
		Monthly Bill as of May 1, 2024	Proposed Monthly Bill as of October 1, 2024		
Residential Heat Sales	100	\$150.04	\$150.87	\$0.83	0.6%
Residential Non-Heat Sales	25	\$44.43	\$44.64	\$0.21	0.5%
General Service Small	100	\$170.13	\$170.96	\$0.83	0.5%
General Service Large	1,200	\$1,645.40	\$1,655.36	\$9.96	0.6%

The Board has the statutory authority to establish the EE rate at levels it finds just and reasonable pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:2-21. Therefore, the Board may establish the new rate at levels other than those proposed by NJNG and the impact on a customer's bill may vary from the information provided above.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, 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 filing.

VIRTUAL PUBLIC HEARINGS

Date: September 17, 2024

Hearing Times: 4:30 pm and 5:30 pm

LOCATION

Zoom Virtual Webinar

Join: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/2458136397?pwd=VUJpK1V0aDYxZDlZUWwEiOWDFRZz09>

Meeting ID: 245 813 6397

Passcode: 819208

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Members of the public may present their views on the petition during the virtual public hearings by dialing the tollfree telephone number, followed by entering the listed passcode when prompted, or by joining the Zoom Virtual Webinar.

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 and express their views on the Petition by utilizing the Zoom Virtual Webinar link or the Dial-In Number set forth above. All comments will become part of the final record in this proceeding to be considered by the Board. In order 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 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. Only 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:

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