

NOTICE OF FILING AND PUBLIC HEARINGS

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF ELIZABETHTOWN GAS COMPANY FOR APPROVAL OF A RATE ADJUSTMENT PURSUANT TO THE INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT PROGRAM ("IIP") BPU Docket No. GR25040222

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that, on April 30, 2025, as modified on July 15, 2025, Elizabethtown Gas Company ("Elizabethtown" 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 July 24, 2024, the Board approved an extension of the Company's IIP and the associated cost recovery mechanism ("IIP Extension Order"). The IIP Extension Order authorized the Company to invest up to \$120 million, over an eighteen (18)-month period commencing July 1, 2024 and ending December 31, 2025, to replace at least seventy-five (75) miles of cast iron and bare steel mains and related services, as well as the installation of excess flow valves on new service lines ("IIP Extension Projects"). The IIP Extension Order also authorized the Company to make annual filings with the Board to recover the costs associated with the IIP Extension Project investments and to earn a return on and of those investments through annual adjustments to rates. By the Petition, the Company seeks Board approval to recover \$8.8 million of revenue requirements associated with approximately \$76.9 million of IIP Extension Projects placed in-service from July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025 through rates effective October 1, 2025. The Company noted that it intends for the IIP Extension Projects to enhance distribution safety and reliability to the benefit of Elizabethtown's customers. The Company also believes that the IIP supports the environment and facilitates economic development and employment in New Jersey.

If approved by the Board, the per-therm rates, inclusive of taxes, to all firm customers served under Service Classifications RDS, SGS, GDS, NGV, LVD, EGF, and GLS, including certain firm, Board-approved special contract customers served under the Company's firm rate classes, would be as follows:

		Current Rates	Proposed Rates	Change
		<u>per Therm</u>	<u>per Therm</u>	<u>per Therm</u>
RDS	Residential	\$0.0174	\$0.0402	\$0.0228
SGS	Small General Service	\$0.0187	\$0.0418	\$0.0231
GDS	General Delivery Service	\$0.0136	\$0.0301	\$0.0165
GDS	Seasonal SP#1 May-Oct	\$0.0016	\$0.0036	\$0.0020
NGV	Natural Gas Vehicles	\$0.0320	\$0.0232	(\$0.0088)
LVD	Large Volume Demand	\$0.0049	\$0.0118	\$0.0069
EGF	Electric Generation	\$0.0136	\$0.0301	\$0.0165
GLS	Gas Lights, per mantel	\$0.0164	\$0.0384	\$0.0220
	Firm Special Contracts	\$0.0007	\$0.0012	\$0.0005

The impact of the proposed increase to rates in effect on July 1, 2025 for a residential heating customer using 100 therms would be an approximate monthly bill increase of \$2.28 from \$158.54 to \$160.82, an increase of approximately 1.4%.

The Board has the statutory authority, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:2-21, to approve and establish these tariff classifications and rates at levels it finds just and reasonable as well as to establish the effective date of such rates. Therefore, the Board may establish these rates at levels and/or an effective date other than those proposed by Elizabethtown.

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.

VIRTUAL PUBLIC HEARINGS

DATE: August 28, 2025

TIME: 4:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.

Join Microsoft Teams Meeting

Press Ctrl key + Click on this link:

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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. The Petition is available to review online at the Company's website at <https://www.elizabethtowngas.com/about-us/regulatory> or on the Board's website at <https://publicaccess.bpu.state.nj.us>, by searching with the above-captioned docket number. The Petition and Board file may be reviewed at the Board located at 44 South Clinton Avenue, Trenton, NJ, with an appointment. To make an appointment, please call (609) 913-6298.

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 link or Dial-In Number and Conference ID set forth above to express their views on the Petition. All comments will become part of the final record in this proceeding to be considered by the Board. To encourage full participation in this opportunity for public comment, please submit any requests for needed accommodations, such as interpreters and/or listening assistance, forty-eight (48) hours prior to the above hearings 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. 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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