

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF ELIZABETHTOWN GAS COMPANY  
TO REVIEW ITS BASIC GAS SUPPLY SERVICE RATE  
BPU Docket No. GR19050678**

On May 31, 2019, Elizabethtown Gas Company ("the Company" or "Elizabethtown"), filed a Petition ("Petition") with the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities ("BPU" or "Board") in Docket No. GR19050678 to review its Periodic Basic Gas Supply Service ("BGSS-P") rate. The Company's Petition seeks to maintain its current BGSS-P rate of \$0.4691 per therm, inclusive of applicable taxes. The proposed rates are subject to BPU approval and may ultimately be higher or lower depending on the Board's final determination and the date on which such rates are made effective.

The effect of the Company's filing on typical residential gas bills is illustrated below:

<b>Consumption in Therms</b>	<b>Present Bill July 1, 2019</b>	<b>Proposed Bill October 1, 2019</b>	<b>Proposed Change</b>	<b>Percent Change</b>
10	\$16.89	\$16.89	\$0.00	0.0%
50	\$51.68	\$51.68	\$0.00	0.0%
100	\$95.17	\$95.17	\$0.00	0.0%
250	\$225.64	\$225.64	\$0.00	0.0%

The BGSS component of the Petition was filed pursuant to the "Order Approving BGSS Price Structure" issued by the Board on January 6, 2003 in Docket No. GX01050304, wherein the proposed rate may be subject to a self-implementing rate increase of up to 5% on December 1, 2019 and another 5% increase on February 1, 2020, upon 30 days written notice by Elizabethtown to the BPU and the Division of Rate Counsel. Should it become necessary to apply both the December 1st and February 1st self-implementing increases, the cumulative impact of these increases on a typical residential gas bills is illustrated below:

<b>Consumption in Therms</b>	<b>Proposed Bill October 1, 2019</b>	<b>Potential Bill Dec. and Feb. 1st Inc.</b>	<b>Potential Change</b>	<b>Percent Change</b>
10	\$16.89	\$17.87	\$0.98	5.8%
50	\$51.68	\$56.56	\$4.88	9.4%
100	\$95.17	\$104.93	\$9.76	10.3%
250	\$225.64	\$250.04	\$24.40	10.8%

These self-implementing increases will be provisional and subject to review in connection with the next annual BGSS filing. Elizabethtown is permitted to decrease its BGSS rate at any time upon five days' notice and the filing of supporting documentation with the Board and Rate Counsel.

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.

Copies of the Petition are available for inspection at the Company offices located at 520 Green Lane, Union, New Jersey, online at Elizabethtown's website: [www.elizabethtowngas.com/rates-and-tariff](http://www.elizabethtowngas.com/rates-and-tariff), under regulatory information, and at the Board offices located at 44 South Clinton Avenue, 2nd Floor, Trenton, New Jersey. Any member of the public who wants to inspect the Petition at the Board may contact the Board's Division of Case Management at (609) 292-0806 to schedule an appointment.

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that Public Hearings have been scheduled on the above mentioned Petition at the following times and places:

**Thursday, August 15, 2019**

**4:30pm and 5:30 pm**

**Liberty Hall Corporate Center, 1085 Morris Avenue, Union, New Jersey 07083**

**Monday, August 19, 2019**

**4:30pm and 5:30 pm**

**Hunterdon County Complex, Route 12, Building #1, Flemington, New Jersey 08822**

The public is invited to attend and make a statement regarding the proposed rates. Information provided at the public hearings will become part of the record and be considered by the Board in rendering its decision. To encourage full participation in this opportunity for public comment, please submit any requests for accommodations, including, but not limited to, an interpreter, listening devices and/or mobility assistance, 48 hours prior to these hearings. In addition, members of the public may submit written comments concerning the Petition to the BPU, regardless of attending the hearings, by addressing the comments to the following: Office of the Secretary, Board of Public Utilities, 44 South Clinton Avenue, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Suite 314, P.O. Box 350, Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0350. Written comments should reference the name of the Petition and the above docket number in the subject line. Written comments will be provided the same weight as statements made at the hearings, and all written comments will become part of the record and considered by the Board in rendering its decision. Hearings will continue, if necessary, on such additional dates and at such locations as the Board or the Office of Administrative Law may designate, to ensure that all interested persons are heard.

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**Re: In the Matter of the Petition of Elizabethtown Gas Company to Review Its Basic Gas Supply Service Rate  
BPU Docket No. \_\_\_\_\_**

Dear Secretary Camacho-Welch:

Enclosed herewith are an original and two (2) "courtesy" copies of Elizabethtown Gas Company's Petition to Review the Level of its Basic Gas Supply Service Rate, which has also been filed electronically utilizing the Board's e-Filing Program.

Kindly acknowledge receipt and filing of the enclosures by date stamping the enclosed copy of this letter and returning it to our messenger.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions you may have. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Deborah M. Franco".

Deborah M. Franco

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Enclosures

cc: Stacy Peterson, Director (BPU Staff) (2 copies)  
Stefanie A. Brand, Esq., Director (Division of Rate Counsel) (5 copies)  
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