

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

In the Matter of the Petition of Elizabethtown Gas Company for Approval of Increased Base Tariff Rates and Charges for Gas Service, Changes to Depreciation Rates and Other Tariff Revisions BPU Docket No: GR19040486

On April 18, 2019, Elizabethtown Gas Company ("Elizabethtown" or "Company") filed a petition with the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities ("Board") in Docket No. GR19040486, which was subsequently transmitted to the New Jersey Office of Administrative Law ("OAL") as a contested case where it was docketed as PUC 06692-2019 N, for approval of a request to increase base tariff rates and charges for gas service as well as implement other rate design and tariff revisions. The Company is also proposing to change its depreciation rates. The Company proposed that these changes become effective May 19, 2019, or such other date as the Board may determine. The Board subsequently issued an order on May 8, 2019 suspending the effective date of the proposed rates and tariff revisions until September 19, 2019, unless prior to that date the Board makes a determination disposing of the petition or enters an order further suspending the proposed revisions. The Company's April 18, 2019 filing reflected an increase in annual revenues of approximately \$65 million or 21.4%.

Set forth below are the current rates, inclusive of taxes, and proposed rates, inclusive of taxes, that will permit customers to determine the effect upon them of the proposed increased rates. Any assistance required by customers in this regard will be furnished by the Company upon request.

		<u>Current Base Tariff Rates</u>			<u>Proposed Base Tariff Rates</u>		
		<u>Service</u>	<u>Demand</u>	<u>Distribution</u>	<u>Service</u>	<u>Demand</u>	<u>Distribution</u>
RDS	Residential Delivery Service	\$8.19	-	\$0.3625	\$13.06	-	\$0.4835
SGS	Small General Service	\$21.92	-	\$0.3175	\$35.19	-	\$0.4006
GDS	General Delivery Service	\$28.90	\$0.806	\$0.1893	\$47.98	\$0.960	\$0.2814
NGV	Public Station, per therm	-	-	\$0.9780	-	-	\$1.0875
LVD	Large Volume Demand *	\$274.04	\$1.030	\$0.0422	\$323.86	\$1.546	\$0.0489
EGF	Electric Generation Firm	\$55.73	\$0.449	\$0.0432	\$85.30	\$0.640	\$0.0565
GLS	Unmetered Gas Light, per mantle	-	-	\$6.47	-	-	\$9.05
CSI	Interruptible Cogeneration Srv.	\$107.90	-	\$0.0320	\$150.79	-	\$0.0320
IS	Interruptible Service	\$355.20	\$0.081	\$0.0516	\$628.55	\$0.113	\$0.0843
FTS	Firm Transportation Srv. *	\$274.04	\$1.030	\$0.0422	\$323.86	\$1.546	\$0.0489
ITS	Interruptible Transportation Srv.	\$628.55	\$0.312	\$0.0843	\$628.55	\$0.427	\$0.1233

* Proposed to become a combined sales / transportation service class.

The Effect of the Proposed Increase on Typical Residential Monthly Bills (RDS Customers)

<u>Consumption in Therms</u>	<u>Present Bill</u>	<u>Proposed Bill</u>	<u>Proposed Change</u>	<u>Percent Change</u>
10	\$16.89	\$22.97	\$6.08	36.0%
50	\$51.68	\$62.60	\$10.92	21.1%
100	\$95.17	\$112.14	\$16.97	17.8%
250	\$225.64	\$260.76	\$35.12	15.5%

The actual percentage increase applicable to specific customers will vary according to the usage. Moreover, any rate relief found by the

Board to be just and reasonable may be allocated by the Board and applied by the Company to any class, classes of customers, or rate schedules. The Board may also determine, that any final rates approved by the Board in this proceeding for any specific customer class or rate schedule may be higher or lower than those set forth herein.

Copies of the Petition are available for inspection at the Company offices located at 520 Green Lane, Union, New Jersey 07083 or online at Elizabethtown's website: www.elizabethtowngas.com/rates-and-tariff, under regulatory information, and at the Board located at 44 S. Clinton Avenue, 2nd Floor, Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0350. 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 the OAL has scheduled public hearings on the aforementioned petition at the following times and places so that members of the public may present their views:

Monday, September 9, 2019
4:30 pm and 5:30 pm
Hunterdon County Complex, Route 12, Building #1, Flemington, New Jersey 08822

Tuesday, September 10, 2019
4:30 pm and 5:30 pm
Liberty Hall Corporate Center, 1085 Morris Avenue, Union, New Jersey 07083

An Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) from the OAL will preside over the public hearings. Hearings will continue, if necessary, on such additional dates and locations as determined by the presiding ALJ. The public is invited to attend and make a statement of their views on the proposed increases. Such comments will be made a part of the final record in this proceeding. Whether or not you attend the public hearings, written comments on the petition may be submitted to the Honorable Irene Jones, ALJ, Office of Administrative Law, 33 Washington Street, Newark, New Jersey, 07102; and the Honorable Aida Camacho-Welch, Secretary, New Jersey Board of Public Utilities, 44 S. Clinton Avenue, 3rd Floor, Suite 314, P.O. Box 350, Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0350. Please include the OAL Docket No. PUC 06692-2019 N, and BPU Docket No. GR19040486 with your written comments.

IN ORDER TO ENCOURAGE FULL PARTICIPATION IN THIS OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT, PLEASE SUBMIT ANY REQUESTS FOR NEEDED ACCOMMODATIONS, INCLUDING INTERPRETERS, LISTENING DEVICES AND/OR MOBILITY ASSISTANCE, 48 HOURS PRIOR TO THE HEARING.

Elizabethtown Gas Company
Christie McMullen – President and Chief Operating Officer



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April 18, 2019

ELECTRONICALLY FILED AND HAND DELIVERED

Aida Camacho-Welch, Secretary
NJ Board of Public Utilities
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**Re: In the Matter of the Petition of Elizabethtown Gas Company for Approval of Increased Base Tariff Rates and Charges for Gas Service, Changes to Depreciation Rates and Other Tariff Revisions
BPU Docket No. _____**

Dear Secretary Camacho-Welch,

Enclosed herewith for filing please find an original and two (2) copies of the Petition of Elizabethtown Gas Company for Approval of Increased Base Tariff Rates and Charges for Gas Service, Changes to Depreciation Rates and Other Tariff Revisions, which has also been filed electronically today consistent with the Board's e-Filing rules.

Kindly stamp the attached copy of this transmittal letter as "Received" and return the same to our courier.

Respectfully,

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

Deborah M. Franco

Enclosures

cc: Alex Moreau, Division of Law (2 copies)
Stefanie Brand, Division of Rate Counsel (2 copies)
Service List (Electronic Mail)