

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

**IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF ELIZABETHTOWN GAS COMPANY
TO REVISE THE REMEDIATION ADJUSTMENT CLAUSE COMPONENT
OF ITS SOCIETAL BENEFITS CHARGE RATE
BPU Docket No. GR19070871**

On July 31, 2019, Elizabethtown Gas Company (“Company” or “Elizabethtown”) filed a petition (“Petition”) with the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (“Board”) in BPU Docket No. GR19070871 to revise the Remediation Adjustment Clause (“RAC”) component of its Societal Benefits Charge (“SBC”) rate. The Company’s SBC rate consists of four components: (1) the New Jersey Clean Energy Program (“CEP”) component which recovers the costs of statewide energy efficiency and renewable energy programs mandated by the Board, (2) the Remediation Adjustment Clause, which allows the Company to recover certain environmental remediation costs, and two statewide low-income energy bill payment assistance programs: (3) the Universal Service Fund; and (4) the Lifeline program. This Petition only seeks to change the RAC component of the SBC rate. Specifically, the Company has petitioned the Board to establish an RAC rate of \$0.0150 per therm inclusive of applicable taxes to be effective October 1, 2019. The proposed rate is subject to BPU approval and may be higher or lower depending on the Board’s final determination and the date on which such rate is made effective. A comparison of the Company’s current rate to the proposed rate is as follows:

RAC	<u>Current Rate Per Therm</u>	<u>Proposed Rate Per Therm</u>
	\$0.0020	\$0.0150

The effect of the Company's filing to a typical residential customer using an average of 100 therms per month is as follows as compared to rates currently in effect:

<u>Consumption in Therms</u>	<u>Present Bill October 1, 2019</u>	<u>Proposed Bill</u>	<u>Proposed Increase</u>	<u>Percent Increase</u>
100	\$95.35	\$96.65	\$1.30	1.4%

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

Copies of the Petition are available for inspection at the Company’s office located at 520 Green Lane, Union, New Jersey, online at Elizabethtown’s website: www.elizabethtowngas.com/rates-and-tariff under Regulatory Information, and at the Board’s offices located at 44 South Clinton Avenue, 2nd Floor, Trenton, NJ, 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 following date, time and location for public hearings have been scheduled on the above filing so that members of the public may present their views:

**Monday, November 18, 2019
4:30 pm and 5:30 pm
Hunterdon County Complex, 314 NJ-12, Building #1, Flemington, New Jersey 08822**

**Monday, November 25, 2019
4:30 pm and 5:30 pm
Liberty Hall Corporate Center, 1085 Morris Avenue, Union, New Jersey 07083**

The public is invited to attend, and interested persons will be permitted to make a statement of their views on the proposed rate increase. Information provided at the public hearings will become part of the record and be considered by the Board in making 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: Aida Camacho-Welch, Secretary, Board of Public Utilities, 44 South Clinton Avenue, 9th Floor, P.O. Box 350, Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0350 or by email to board.secretary@bpu.nj.gov. 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. Hearings will continue, if necessary, on such additional dates and at such locations as the Board may designate, to ensure that all interested persons are heard.

**Elizabethtown Gas Company
Christie McMullen – President and Chief Operating Officer**