

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF ELIZABETHTOWN GAS COMPANY TO (1) REVISE THE CLEAN ENERGY PROGRAM COMPONENT OF ITS SOCIETAL BENEFITS CHARGE RATE AND (2) REVISE ITS ON-SYSTEM MARGIN SHARING CREDIT BPU Docket No. GR23070476

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on July 31, 2023, Elizabethtown Gas Company (“Elizabethtown” or “Company”) filed a petition with the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (“BPU” or “Board”) in BPU Docket No. GR23070476 to revise its Clean Energy Program (“CEP”) component of its Societal Benefit Charge (“SBC”), and its On-System Margin Sharing Credit (“OSMC”) (“Petition”). In the Petition, the Company proposed to establish a CEP rate of \$0.0270 per therm to recover CEP cost responsibility amounting to approximately \$13.3 million, and an OSMC credit rate of \$0.0036 per therm for an adjustment to margin contributions amounting to approximately \$1.2 million, to be effective October 1, 2023. The CEP rate component of the SBC recovers the costs of statewide energy efficiency and renewable energy programs mandated by the Board. The OSMC rate component is designed to flow back to the Company’s firm customers the margins received from on-system sales and transportation services. The proposed rates are subject to BPU approval and may be higher or lower depending on the Board’s final determination and the date on which such rates are made effective by the Board. A comparison of the Company’s current versus proposed rates, all of which are inclusive of taxes, is as follows:

	<u>Current Rates</u> <u>per Therm</u>	<u>Proposed Rates</u> <u>per Therm</u>
CEP	\$0.0260	\$0.0270
OSMC	<u>(\$0.0031)</u>	<u>(\$0.0036)</u>
Total	\$0.0229	\$0.0234

If approved, the combined effect of the Company's Petition on the monthly bill of a residential heating customer using 100 therms on a monthly basis as compared to rates in effect as of November 1, 2023 is illustrated below:

<u>Consumption in</u> <u>Therms</u>	<u>Present Monthly Bill</u> <u>November 1, 2023</u>	<u>Proposed</u> <u>Monthly Bill</u>	<u>Proposed</u> <u>Monthly Increase</u>	<u>Percent Change</u>
100	\$105.46	\$105.51	\$0.05	0.0%

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.

A copy of the Petition can be viewed on the Company’s website at: www.elizabethtowngas.com under regulatory information. The Petition is also available to review online on the Board’s website at <https://publicaccess.bpu.state.nj.us>, where you can search by the above-captioned docket number. The Petition and Board file may also be reviewed at the Board located at 44 South Clinton Avenue, 1st Floor, Trenton, NJ, with an appointment. To make an appointment, please call (609) 913-6298.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that virtual public hearings will be held on following date and times so that members of the public may present their views on the Petition:

VIRTUAL PUBLIC HEARING

DATE: December 21, 2023

HEARING TIMES: 4:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.

LOCATION: Microsoft Teams Meeting

ID: 234 394 558 88

PASSCODE: uCeF7o

(Access the Microsoft Teams App or Microsoft Teams on the web. On the left side of the screen, click the “Teams” icon. Select “Join or ‘create a team’”. Press “Join” and enter the Meeting ID and Passcode when prompted.)

or

Dial In: 866-984-3163

Conference ID: 220 256 397 followed by the # sign

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 may use the Microsoft Teams meeting link or the dial-in number and conference ID to express their views on this matter. All comments will be part of the final record of the proceeding and will 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 or listening assistance, 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 listed above using the “Post Comments” button on the Board’s Public Document Search tool. Comments are considered public documents for purposes of the State’s Open Public Records Act. Only public documents 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 such 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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Electronic Filing

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**Re: In the Matter of the Petition of Elizabethtown Gas Company To (1) Revise the Clean Energy Program Component of its Societal Benefits Charge Rate and (2) Revise Its On-System Margin Sharing Credit
BPU Docket No. _____**

Dear Secretary Golden:

Enclosed herewith is Elizabethtown Gas Company's Petition To (1) Revise the Clean Energy Program Component of its Societal Benefits Charge Rate; and (2) Revise Its On-System Margin Sharing Credit, which has been filed electronically today utilizing the Board's e-filing Program. In accordance with the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities ("BPU") March 19, 2020 and June 10, 2020 Orders issued in BPU Docket No. EO20030254, hard copies are not being submitted at this time, but can be provided at a later time, if needed.

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 cursive script that reads "Sheree L. Kelly".

Sheree L. Kelly, Esq.

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Enclosures

cc: Service list (electronically)