



February 15, 2022

Via Electronic Mail

To: The Office of the County Clerk, Municipal Clerk and County Administrator

Re: In the Matter of the Petition of New Jersey Natural Gas Company for The Annual Review and Revision of Societal Benefits Charge Factors for Remediation Year 2021, Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:2-21 and 48:2-21.1; BPU Docket No. GR21091145

Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:2-2-21 and 48:2-21.1, New Jersey Natural Gas Company (the "Company" or "NJNG") hereby advises you that on September 30, 2021 the Company filed a request with the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities for an increase in its Societal Benefit Charge rates. A complete copy of the Company's filing is available for review on NJNG's website at www.njng.com. Please be further advised that the Company hereby serves upon you the attached Notice of Public Hearings in the above referenced matter. The virtual public hearings are scheduled for March 9, 2022 at 4:30 P.M. and 5:30 P.M. with the following Log-In instructions.

Location: Zoom Virtual Meeting

Join by holding down control button and clicking on below link:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/2458136397?pwd=VUJpK1V0aDYxZDIlZUIwaElOWDFRZz09>

Meeting ID: 245 813 6397

Dial-In Phone Number: 1-888-619-1583

Access Code: 819208

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Andrew K. Dembia'.

Andrew K. Dembia, Esq.
Regulatory Affairs Counsel

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Attachments

**NOTICE TO NEW JERSEY NATURAL GAS COMPANY CUSTOMERS
NEW JERSEY NATURAL GAS COMPANY - FOR THE ANNUAL REVIEW AND
REVISION OF SOCIETAL BENEFITS CHARGE FACTORS FOR REMEDIATION
BPU Docket No. GR21091145**

TO OUR CUSTOMERS:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on September 30, 2021, New Jersey Natural Gas Company (“NJNG” or the “Company”) filed its annual Societal Benefits Charge (“SBC”) petition with the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (“Board”) for a price adjustment for all applicable service customers. Pursuant to its filing, NJNG requested that the Board permit NJNG to increase its overall SBC rate by \$0.0022 per therm which would include an increase in the Remediation Adjustment (“RA”) factor from \$0.0164 to \$0.0194 per therm, and a decrease in the New Jersey Clean Energy Program (“NJCEP”) factor from \$0.0302 to \$0.0294 per therm, effective April 1, 2022.

The RA rate provides recovery of actual costs incurred by NJNG for the clean-up of former manufactured gas plant sites. The NJCEP rate is designed to recover costs incurred for NJNG’s share of statewide energy efficiency and renewable energy expenditures.

If the Board approves the requested price adjustment, the impact will result in an overall increase of approximately \$0.22 per month or 0.16 percent for a residential heating customer using 100 therms per month. The above-referenced proposal will not result in any profit for NJNG.

If approved by the Board, the impact of the proposed changes to the RA and NJCEP factors on typical natural gas bills is illustrated below:

Customer Type	Monthly Therm Level (Usage)	Total Bill		Net Dollar Increase	Percent Increase
		Monthly Bill as of February 1, 2022	Proposed Monthly Bill as of April 1, 2022		
Residential Heat Sales	100	\$136.54	\$136.76	\$0.22	0.16%
Residential Non-Heat Sales	25	\$39.89	\$39.95	\$0.06	0.15%
General Service Small	100	\$159.44	\$159.66	\$0.22	0.14%
General Service Large	1200	\$1,811.72	\$1,814.36	\$2.64	0.15%

The Board has the statutory authority to establish the RA and NJCEP factors at levels it finds just and reasonable. Therefore, the Board may establish the RA and NJCEP factors at levels other than those proposed by NJNG. NJNG’s SBC costs addressed in this petition will remain subject to audit by the Board, and Board approval shall not preclude or prohibit the Board from taking any such actions deemed appropriate as a result of any such audit.

PLEASE TAKE ADDITIONAL NOTICE that due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, 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 filing at the virtual public hearing as noted below.

Date: March 9, 2022
 Public Hearing 1: 4:30 pm
 Public Hearing 2: 5:30 pm

Dial In: 1-888-619-1583
 Location: Zoom Virtual Webinar
 Join: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/2458136397?pwd=VUJpK1V0aDYxZDlIZUIwaElOWDFRZz09>
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Copies of NJNG’s September 30, 2021 filing can be reviewed on the Company’s website, www.njng.com/regulatory in the “Filings & Updates” subsection of the “Regulatory Info”.

Representatives of the Board’s 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 link or dial-in information set forth above, and may express their views on this filing. All comments will be made part of the final record of the proceeding to be considered by the Board. In order to encourage full participation in this opportunity for public comment, please submit any requests for needed accommodations, such as interpreters and/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/or electronic comments. While all comments will be given equal consideration and will be made part of the final record of this proceeding, the preferred method of transmittal is via the Board’s Public Document Search tool (<https://publicaccess.bpu.state.nj.us/>). Search for the docket number listed above, and post by utilizing the “Post Comments” button. Emailed comments may also be filed with the Secretary of the Board, in pdf or Word format, to board.secretary@bpu.nj.gov.

Written comments may be submitted to the Board Secretary, Aida Camacho-Welch, at the Board of Public Utilities, 44 South Clinton Avenue, 1st Floor, P.O. Box 350, Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0350. All emailed or mailed comments should include the name of the Petitioner and the docket number.

All comments are considered “public documents” for purposes of the State’s Open Public Records Act. Commenters may identify information that they seek to keep confidential by submitting them in accordance with the confidentiality procedures set forth in N.J.A.C. 14:1-12.3.

New Jersey Natural Gas Company
Andrew K. Dembia, Esq.