

NOTICE OF FILING AND PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF SOUTH JERSEY GAS COMPANY FOR A DETERMINATION PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF N.J.S.A. 40:55D-19, B.P.U DOCKET NO. GO13111049

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on November 4, 2013, South Jersey Gas Company (“South Jersey” or the “Company”), a New Jersey public utility with offices at 1 South Jersey Plaza, Folsom, NJ 08037, filed a petition (“Petition”) with the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (“Board” or “BPU”) requesting that the Board issue an Order pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:55D-19 that the construction of an approximately twenty-one and six-tenths (21.6) miles, twenty-four inch (24”) natural gas pipeline with an alignment that runs through Maurice River Township in Cumberland County, City of Estell Manor in Atlantic County and Upper Township in Cape May County, New Jersey (“Project”) is reasonably necessary for the service, convenience or welfare of the public and, in accordance therewith, issue an order that the zoning, site plan review and all other municipal land use ordinances and regulations promulgated pursuant to Title 40 of the New Jersey Statutes and the Municipal Land Use Law of the State of New Jersey (“MLUL”) shall not apply to the Project.

A public hearing was held by the Board on December 18, 2013 at the Upper Township Branch Library Meeting Room in Petersburg, New Jersey to receive comments on the Petition (the “First BPU Public Hearing”).

Since the First BPU Public Hearing, the Board approved a modification to the alignment of the Project, allowing the regulator station to be moved from Marshall Avenue in Upper Township to Mount Pleasant-Tuckahoe Road in Upper Township. I/M/O South Jersey Gas Co. for Authorization to Construct a 24-inch Pipeline, Docket No. GO13030202 (Order dated July 22, 2015). The Board also approved a condition prohibiting South Jersey’s ability to connect new customers within the Forest Area of the Pinelands, as designated in the Pinelands Comprehensive Management Plan, unless South Jersey receives explicit authority and approval from the Board or other authority with jurisdiction. Id. Prior to issuing the July 22, 2015 Order, the Board held a public hearing on June 17, 2015 at the Upper Township Community Center in Tuckahoe, New Jersey at which time comments were received from the public.

The Project will provide needed gas transportation service to the B.L. England power plant in Upper Township, Cape May County, allowing the repowering of that power plant, and provide system reliability and reinforcement enhancements for South Jersey’s customers, particularly those on Cape May and Atlantic Counties.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Board will conduct additional public hearings, in accordance with its authority as set forth at N.J.S.A. 48:2-1 et seq., for the purpose of receiving comments from the public regarding the Petition. Public hearings will be held at the following times and location:

October 19, 2015 at 3:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.
Upper Township Municipal Court
2100 Tuckahoe Road
Petersburg, NJ 08270

A representative of the Board will preside at the hearing. The public is invited to attend and interested persons will be permitted to testify and/or make a statement of their views on the Petition.

In order to encourage full participation in this opportunity for public comment, please submit any requests for needed accommodations, including interpreter, listening devices, or mobility assistance, forty-eight (48) hours prior to the hearing, to the attention of Irene Kim Asbury, Secretary, Board of Public Utilities, 44 South Clinton Avenue, Trenton, New Jersey 08625.

Interested parties may also submit comments on or before October 26, 2015 regarding the Petition to the attention of Irene Kim Asbury, Secretary, Board of Public Utilities, P.O. Box 350, Trenton, NJ 08625-0350. Comments, if any, should be identified with the heading "In the Matter of the Petition of South Jersey Gas Company for a Determination Pursuant to the Provisions of N.J.S.A. 40:55D-19," B.P.U. Docket No. GO13111049.

A copy of this Notice is being served upon the Clerks of the Townships of Maurice River and Upper, the City Clerk of the City of Estell Manor, the Clerks of the Board of Chosen Freeholders of Atlantic, Cumberland and Cape May Counties and the Executive Director of Atlantic County.

A Copy of the Petition is available for public inspection and copying during regular business hours at the Board's Office of Case Management located on the second (2nd) floor at 44 South Clinton Avenue, Trenton, NJ 08625. A copy of the Petition may also be obtained by calling South Jersey at (609) 561-9000, and is available on the Company's website at <http://www.southjerseygas.com/for-my-home/current-regulatory-filings.html>.

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