

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

### IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF ELIZABETHTOWN GAS COMPANY FOR APPROVAL OF A RATE ADJUSTMENT PURSUANT TO THE INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT PROGRAM (“IIP”) BPU Docket No. GR20050327

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that, on April 30, 2020, as modified on July 15, 2020, Elizabethtown Gas Company (“Elizabethtown” or “Company”) filed a petition (Petition) with the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (“Board”) seeking Board approval to increase rates associated with the Company’s Infrastructure Investment Program (“IIP”). The Board approved the IIP and the associated cost recovery mechanism on June 12, 2019 in Docket No. GR18101197 (“Order”). The Order authorized the Company to invest up to \$300 million, over a five-year period, commencing July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2024, to replace up to 250 miles of cast iron and bare steel mains and related services, as well as the installation of excess flow valves on new service lines (“IIP Projects”). The IIP Projects are intended to enhance distribution safety and reliability to the benefit of Elizabethtown’s customers, to help support the environment, and to facilitate economic development and employment in New Jersey. The Order also authorized the Company to make annual filings with the Board to recover the costs associated with the IIP Projects investments and to earn a return on and a return of those investments through annual adjustments to rates. This Petition seeks Board approval to recover \$6.8 million of revenue requirements associated with approximately \$62.8 million of IIP Projects placed in-service from July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020 with an October 1, 2020 rate effective date.

If the proposed rate increase is approved by the Board, effective October 1, 2020, the rates, inclusive of taxes, to all firm customers served under Service Classifications RDS, SGS, GDS, NGV, LVD, EGF, and GLS including certain firm, Board approved special contract customers served under the Company's firm rate classes would be as follows:

		Per Therm
RDS	Residential	\$0.0210
SGS	Small General Service	\$0.0231
GDS	General Delivery Service	\$0.0139
GDS	Seasonal SP#1 May-Oct	\$0.0076
NGV	Natural Gas Vehicles	\$0.0374
LVD	Large Volume Demand	\$0.0066
EGF	Electric Generation	\$0.0044
GLS	Gas Lights, per therm	\$0.0194
	Firm Special Contracts	\$0.0011

The 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 rate is made effective.

The impact of the proposed rate increase to the residential heating customer using 100 therms is to increase the customer's monthly bill by \$2.10 from \$106.14 to \$108.24, an increase of 2.0% compared to the Company’s present rates.

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 online at Elizabethtown’s website: [www.elizabethtowngas.com/rates-and-tariff](http://www.elizabethtowngas.com/rates-and-tariff) under Regulatory Information.

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that due to the COVID-19 pandemic telephonic 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:

Date: August 18, 2020

Public Hearing Times: 4:30 pm and 5:30 pm

Dial In: 866-984-3163

Conference ID: 434 367 562#

Representatives from the Company, Board Staff, and Rate Counsel will participate in the telephonic public hearing. Members of the public are invited to participate by utilizing the Dial In and Conference ID information set forth above, and may express their views on this filing. Such comments will be made part of the final record of the proceeding to be considered by the Board. The Board is also accepting written and emailed comments. Although both will be given equal consideration, the preferred method of transmittal is via email to ensure timely receipt while the Board continues to work remotely due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Written comments may be submitted to the Board Secretary, Aida Camacho, at the Board of Public Utilities, 44 South Clinton Avenue, 9th Floor, P.O. Box 350, Trenton, NJ 08625-0350. Email comments should be submitted to: [board.secretary@bpu.nj.gov](mailto:board.secretary@bpu.nj.gov). Please include the name of the petition and the docket number when submitting comments. Written and emailed 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 Operations Officer**