

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

**IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF ELIZABETHTOWN GAS COMPANY
TO REVIEW ITS BASIC GAS SUPPLY SERVICE RATE
BPU Docket No. GR20060381**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on June 1, 2020, Elizabethtown Gas Company (“Company” or “Elizabethtown”), filed a Petition (“Petition”) with the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (“BPU” or “Board”) in Docket No. GR20060381 to review its Periodic Basic Gas Supply Service (“BGSS-P”) rate. The Company petitioned the BPU to decrease its current BGSS-P rate from \$0.4691 per therm to \$0.4022 per therm, inclusive of applicable taxes, a decrease of \$0.0669 per therm or 6.3% to the typical residential customer using 100 therms based on rates in effect June 1, 2020. The proposed rates are subject to BPU approval and may ultimately be higher or lower depending on the Board’s final determination and the date on which such rates are made effective.

The effect of the Company's filing on typical residential gas bills is illustrated below:

<u>Consumption in Therms</u>	<u>Present Bill June 1, 2020</u>	<u>Proposed Bill October 1, 2020</u>	<u>Proposed Change</u>	<u>Percent Change</u>
10	\$19.61	\$18.95	(\$0.66)	(3.4%)
50	\$58.07	\$54.73	(\$3.34)	(5.8%)
100	\$106.14	\$99.45	(\$6.69)	(6.3%)
250	\$250.35	\$233.63	(\$16.72)	(6.7%)

The BGSS component of the Petition was filed pursuant to the “Order Approving BGSS Price Structure” issued by the Board on January 6, 2003, Docket No. GX01050304, wherein the proposed rate may be subject to a self-implementing rate increase of up to 5% on December 1, 2020, and another 5% increase on February 1, 2021, so long as the Company provides 30 days’ written notice to the BPU and the Division of Rate Counsel. Should it become necessary to apply both the December 1st and February 1st self-implementing increases, the cumulative impact of these increases on a typical residential gas bills is illustrated below:

<u>Consumption in Therms</u>	<u>Proposed Bill October 1, 2020</u>	<u>Potential Bill Dec. and Feb. 1st Inc.</u>	<u>Potential Change</u>	<u>Percent Change</u>
10	\$18.95	\$19.97	\$1.02	5.4%
50	\$54.73	\$59.83	\$5.10	9.3%
100	\$99.45	\$109.64	\$10.19	10.2%
250	\$233.63	\$259.11	\$25.48	10.9%

These self-implementing increases will be provisional and subject to review in connection with the next annual BGSS filing. Elizabethtown is permitted to decrease its BGSS rate at any time upon five days’ notice and the filing of supporting documentation with the Board and Rate Counsel.

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.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that due to the COVID-19 pandemic, a telephonic public hearing 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

Hearing Times: 4:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.

Members of the public may present their views on the Petition during the public hearing by dialing the toll-free telephone number listed below, followed by entering the listed passcode when prompted.

Dial In: 866-984-3163

Conference ID: 434 367 562#

Copies of Elizabethtown’s June 1, 2020 filing can be reviewed on the Company’s website at www.elizabethtowngas.com/rates-and-tariff under regulatory information.

Representatives of 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. 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 Operating Officer