

NOTICE TO PUBLIC SERVICE ELECTRIC AND GAS COMPANY GAS CUSTOMERS

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF PUBLIC SERVICE ELECTRIC AND GAS COMPANY TO REVISE ITS WEATHER NORMALIZATION CHARGE FOR THE 2020-2021 ANNUAL PERIOD

Notice of Filing and Notice of Public Hearings | Docket No. GR20060470

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on June 29, 2020, Public Service Electric and Gas Company (“Public Service” or “the Company”) filed a Petition with the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (“Board” or “BPU”) seeking approval of its Weather Normalization Charge (“WNC”) for the Annual Period of October 1, 2020 to September 30, 2021 (“2020-2021 Annual Period”) applicable to gas customers receiving service under Rate Schedules Residential Service (“RSG”), General Service (“GSG”) and Large Volume Gas (“LVG”).

The WNC mechanism was approved by the Board on July 9, 2010, in Dkt. No. GR09050422. As approved by the Board, the WNC operates to allow the Company to increase its rates to compensate for lower revenues it receives from customers as a result of warmer-than-normal winters, and to decrease rates to make up for higher revenues it receives as a result of colder-than-normal winters. The Company has requested to set its WNC rate to \$0.020587 (including New Jersey Sales and Use Tax) per balancing therm for the 2020-2021 winter period, effective October 1, 2020.

The approximate effect of the proposed changes on typical gas residential monthly bills, if approved by the Board, is illustrated in Table #1.

Under the Company’s proposal, a residential heating customer using 100 therms per month during the winter months and 610 therms on an annual basis would see an increase in the annual bill from \$554.26 to \$564.68, or \$10.42 or approximately 1.88%. Moreover, under the Company’s proposal, a typical residential heating customer using 172 therms per month during the winter months and 1,040 therms on an annual basis would see an increase in the annual bill from \$871.88 to \$889.66 or \$17.78 or approximately 2.04%. The Statewide average residential gas customer using 1,000 therms on an annual basis would see an increase in the annual bill from \$847.79 to \$866.37 or \$18.58 or approximately 2.19%.

The Board has the statutory authority to establish the WNC rate at levels it finds just and reasonable. Therefore, the Board may establish the WNC rate at levels other than those proposed by Public Service. Therefore, the described charges may increase or decrease based upon the Board’s decision.

A copy of the Company’s filing is available for review online at the PSE&G website at <http://www.pseg.com/pseandgfilings>.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, telephonic public hearings have been scheduled on the following date and times so that members of the public may present their views on the Company’s filing.

Date: August 31, 2020

Time 1: 4:30 pm

Access Code: 6857936

Dial In: 877-692-8955

Time 2: 5:30 pm

Access Code: 3899827

Representatives from the Company, Board Staff, and the Division of Rate Counsel will participate in the telephonic public hearing. Members of the public are invited to participate by utilizing the Meeting Number and Access Code 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.

Table #1 – Residential Gas Service

If Your Annual Therm Use Is:	And Your Monthly Winter Therm Use Is:	Then Your Present Monthly Winter Bill (1) Would Be:	And Your Proposed Monthly Winter Bill (2) Would Be:	Your Monthly Winter Bill Change Would Be:	And Your Monthly Percent Change Would Be:
170	25	\$27.23	\$27.69	\$0.46	1.69%
340	50	45.83	46.75	0.92	2.01
610	100	84.07	86.20	2.13	2.53
1,040	172	138.39	142.06	3.67	2.65
1,210	200	159.49	163.76	4.27	2.68
1,816	300	234.94	241.34	6.40	2.72

(1) Based upon Delivery Rates and Basic Gas Supply Service (BGSS-RSG) in effect June 1, 2020 (with WNC set at the 2020-2021 winter period rate) and assumes that the customer receives BGSS-RSG commodity service from Public Service.

(2) Same as (1) except includes the proposed Weather Normalization Charge to be in effect for 2020-2021 Annual Period.



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