

NOTICE OF FILING AND PUBLIC HEARINGS

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF ELIZABETHTOWN GAS COMPANY TO REVIEW ITS PERIODIC BASIC GAS SUPPLY SERVICE RATE AND CONSERVATION INCENTIVE PROGRAM RATES FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2027

BPU Docket No. GR26060277

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that, on June 1, 2026, Elizabethtown Gas Company (“Elizabethtown” or “Company”), filed a petition with the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (“BPU” or “Board”) to review its periodic Basic Gas Supply Service (“BGSS-P”) and Conservation Incentive Program (“CIP”) rates (“Petition”), as modified on July 15, 2026 (“Update”) to reflect twelve (12) months of actual CIP data. The BGSS-P component of the Petition was filed pursuant to the Board’s Order dated January 6, 2003 in Docket No. GX01050304 (“2003 BGSS Order”). BGSS-P rates are designed to recover Elizabethtown’s cost of gas applicable to customers who purchase gas from Elizabethtown. The Company earns no profit from the BGSS-P rate. The CIP charge provides for a rate adjustment related to changes in average use per customer when compared to pre-established baseline values. The CIP is an incentive-based program that requires Elizabethtown to reduce gas-supply-related costs, and limits recovery of non-weather-related revenue loss to the level of gas supply costs savings achieved.

By the Petition, as modified by the Update, Elizabethtown proposes to decrease the current BGSS-P rate from \$0.6962 per therm to \$0.5775 per therm, inclusive of applicable taxes. The Company is also proposing the following CIP rates per therm, inclusive of applicable taxes:

<u>Residential Delivery Service</u>	<u>Small General Service</u>	<u>General Delivery Service</u>
\$0.0066	(\$0.0228)	(\$0.0007)

Based on rates in effect July 1, 2026, the proposed BGSS-P and CIP rate changes, when combined, will decrease the monthly bill of a Residential Heating customer using 100 therms in a month by \$18.45 from \$175.43 to \$156.98, or 10.5%, consisting of a proposed BGSS-P decrease of \$11.87 or 6.8% and a proposed CIP decrease of \$6.58 or 3.8%.

The effects of the Company's Petition, if approved, on typical Residential Heating gas bills are illustrated below:

<u>Consumption in Therms</u>	<u>Present Monthly Bill July 1, 2026</u>	<u>Proposed Monthly Bill October 1, 2026</u>	<u>Proposed Monthly Change</u>	<u>Proposed Monthly Percent Change</u>
10	\$27.89	\$26.05	(\$1.84)	(6.6%)
50	\$93.47	\$84.24	(\$9.23)	(9.9%)
100	\$175.43	\$156.98	(\$18.45)	(10.5%)
250	\$421.33	\$375.20	(\$46.13)	(10.9%)

Pursuant to the 2003 BGSS Order, the proposed BGSS-P rate may be subject to self-implementing rate increases upon thirty (30) days’ written notice to the BPU and the New Jersey Division of Rate Counsel (“Rate Counsel”). Any such self-implementing rate increases will be limited to a maximum of five percent (5%) of the total Residential Heating customer’s bill using 100 therms, effective December 1, 2026, and to a maximum of five percent (5%) of the total Residential Heating customer’s bill using 100 therms, effective February 1, 2027. Should it become necessary to apply one (1), or both, of the December 1, 2026 and February 1, 2027 self-implementing increases, the respective cumulative impacts of these increases on typical Residential Heating gas bills will occur as illustrated below:

Consumption in Therms	Proposed Monthly Bill October 1, 2026	Potential Monthly Bill For Either a Dec. 1st or Feb. 1st Increase	Potential Change	Percent Change
10	\$26.05	\$26.84	\$0.79	3.0%
50	\$84.24	\$88.17	\$3.93	4.7%
100	\$156.98	\$164.83	\$7.85	5.0%
250	\$375.20	\$394.83	\$19.63	5.2%

Consumption in Therms	Proposed Monthly Bill October 1, 2026	Potential Monthly Bill For a Combined Dec. 1st and Feb. 1st Increase	Potential Change	Percent Change
10	\$26.05	\$27.66	\$1.61	6.2%
50	\$84.24	\$92.29	\$8.05	9.6%
100	\$156.98	\$173.07	\$16.09	10.2%
250	\$375.20	\$415.43	\$40.23	10.7%

These self-implementing increases will be provisional and subject to review in connection with the Company's next annual BGSS filing. Elizabethtown is permitted to decrease its BGSS-P rate at any time upon five (5) days' notice and the filing of supporting documentation with the Board and Rate Counsel.

The Board has the statutory authority pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:2-21 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.

A copy of this Notice of Filing and Public Hearings is being served upon the clerk, executive or administrator of each municipality and county within the Company's service territory. A copy of the Petition can be reviewed on the Company's website at www.elizabethtowngas.com under Regulatory Information. The Petition is also available to review online through the Board's website, <https://publicaccess.bpu.state.nj.us/> where you can search by the above-captioned docket number. The Petition and Board file may also be reviewed at the Board's office at 44 South Clinton Avenue, 1st Floor, Trenton, New Jersey, with an appointment. To make an appointment, please call (609) 913-6298.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that 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 Petition.

VIRTUAL PUBLIC HEARINGS

DATE: August 26, 2026

HEARING TIMES: 4:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.

Join Microsoft Teams Meeting

Press Ctrl key + Click on this link:

<https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/21653558639708?p=vRzTtgL1Oh4QtTaWN5>

Select 'Join Now' to enter the meeting. If prompted, enter the following Meeting ID, Meeting Passcode and your name.

Meeting ID: 216 535 586 397 08

Passcode: GF94Qb9R

-or-

Join by Phone

Dial In: 866-984-3163

When prompted, enter Conference ID: 628 680 898 followed by the # sign to access the meeting.

Representatives from the Company, Board 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 Microsoft Teams Meeting link or the Dial-In Number and Conference ID set forth above to express their views on the Petition. All comments will become part of the final record to be considered by the Board. To encourage full participation in this opportunity for public comment, please submit any requests for accommodations, such as interpreters or listening assistance, forty-eight (48) hours prior to the above hearings to the Board Secretary at board.secretary@bpu.nj.gov.

The Board is also accepting written and electronic comments. Comments may be submitted directly to the specific docket number listed above using the “Post Comments” button on the Board’s Public Document Search tool. Comments are considered public documents for purposes of the State’s Open Public Records Act. Only documents that are intended to be public should be submitted using the “Post Comments” button on the Board’s Public Document Search tool. Any confidential information should be submitted in accordance with the procedures set forth in N.J.A.C. 14:1-12.3. In addition to hard copy submissions, confidential information may also be filed electronically via the Board’s e-filing system or by email to the Secretary of the Board. Please include “Confidential Information” in the subject line of any email. Instructions for confidential e-filing are found on the Board’s webpage at <https://www.nj.gov/bpu/agenda/efiling/>.

Emailed and/or written comments may also be submitted to:

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