

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF NEW JERSEY NATURAL GAS COMPANY FOR THE ANNUAL REVIEW AND REVISION OF ITS BASIC GAS SUPPLY SERVICE (BGSS) AND ITS CONSERVATION INCENTIVE PROGRAM (CIP) RATES FOR F/Y 2027

BPU Docket No. GR26060281

NOTICE OF FILING AND PUBLIC HEARING

TO OUR CUSTOMERS:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on June 1, 2026, New Jersey Natural Gas Company (“NJNG” or “Company”) filed a petition with the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (“Board” or “BPU”), seeking a review of, and revision to, its 2026–2027 Basic Gas Supply Service (“BGSS”) and Conservation Incentive Program (“CIP”) rates pursuant to Board Order dated January 6, 2003, Docket No. GX01050304 (“Generic BGSS Order”), and CIP-related Orders in Docket No. GR05121020 dated December 12, 2006 and January 21, 2010, and in Docket No. GR13030185 dated May 21, 2014 (“Petition”). The BGSS charge includes actual and projected natural gas commodity, storage, and interstate transportation costs. The CIP charge provides for a rate adjustment related to changes in average use per customer when compared to a pre-established baseline value. By Order dated November 21, 2024, in BPU Docket No. GR24010071, the Board authorized NJNG to adjust its Balancing Charge in the annual BGSS filing to reflect updated costs.

By the Petition, NJNG requested that the Board permit NJNG to decrease its BGSS rate and decrease its CIP rates effective October 1, 2026. Additionally, NJNG requested an increase in its Balancing Charges effective October 1, 2026. The impact of the BGSS rate changes for a residential heating customer using an average of 100 therms per month would be a decrease of \$5.50 per month, or 3 percent. The impact of the Balancing Charge rate change would be an increase of \$0.16 per month, or 0.1 percent. The impact of the proposed CIP rate would be a decrease of \$8.75 per month, or 4.7 percent. The combined impact of these rate changes would result in an overall decrease of approximately \$14.09 or 7.6 percent per month on a 100-therm residential bill. All Balancing Charge revenues from sales and transportation customers are credited to BGSS recoveries.

The effect of the Company’s request for the rate adjustments, to be effective October 1, 2026, on natural gas bills for the applicable customer classes is estimated to be as follows:

Customer Type	Therms	Total Monthly Bill		Monthly Bill Impact				% Impact			
		Bill as of 5/1/26	Proposed Bill as of 10/1/26	BGSS	Balancing Charge	CIP	Net Increase/ (Decrease)	BGSS	Balancing Charge	CIP	Net Increase/ (Decrease)
Residential Heat Sales	100	\$185.80	\$171.71	(\$5.50)	\$0.16	(\$8.75)	(\$14.09)	(3.0%)	0.1%	(4.7%)	(7.6%)
Residential Non-Heat Sales	25	\$53.93	\$50.58	(\$1.38)	\$0.04	(\$2.01)	(\$3.35)	(2.6%)	0.1%	(3.7%)	(6.2%)
General Service – Small	100	\$210.36	\$196.16	(\$5.50)	\$0.16	(\$8.86)	(\$14.20)	(2.6%)	0.1%	(4.2%)	(6.8%)
General Service – Large	1200	\$2,154.58	\$2,137.90	(\$1.92)	\$1.92	(\$16.68)	(\$16.68)	(0.1%)	0.1%	(0.8%)	(0.8%)

The General Service - Large (“GSL”) sales customers are not affected by the proposed BGSS request because they are subject to Monthly BGSS rates tied to monthly market pricing for their natural gas supply. GSL sales customers’ overall bills are also not affected by the proposed Balancing Charge because their Monthly BGSS rates are net of the Balancing Charge and the Balancing Charge is included in their Delivery Charge, offsetting each other. The GSL BGSS decrease and Balancing Charge increase shown above reflect the proposed Balancing Charge change in both rates resulting in no impact.

Future changes in NJNG’s rate for BGSS service may occur if NJNG elects to adjust its BGSS rates upward by filing timely notice with the Board and the New Jersey Division of Rate Counsel (“Rate Counsel”) pursuant to the Generic BGSS Order. Any such self-implementing increase is limited to a maximum of five percent (5%) of the total residential bill effective December 1, 2026, and to a maximum of five percent (5%) of the total residential bill, effective February 1, 2027. Further, these self-implementing increases would be provisional and subject to true-up in connection with the next annual BGSS filing. Pursuant to the Generic BGSS Order, NJNG is permitted to decrease its BGSS rate at any time upon five (5) days’ notice and the filing of supporting documentation with the Board and Rate Counsel.

If both of the above mentioned self-implementing increases are put into place as of the effective dates, the impact on a typical Residential and General Service - Small natural gas bills are estimated to be as follows:

Customer Type	Monthly Therm Level	Total Monthly Bill		Increase	
		Bill as of October 1, 2026	Proposed Bill Including December and February BGSS 5 Percent Increases	Amount	Percent
Residential Heat Sales	100	\$171.71	\$189.32	\$17.61	10.3%
Residential Non-Heat Sales	25	\$50.58	\$54.98	\$4.40	8.7%
General Service – Small	100	\$196.16	\$213.77	\$17.61	9.0%

The Board has the statutory authority to establish the BGSS, CIP and Balancing Charge rates at levels it finds just and reasonable. The Board may establish the BGSS, CIP and Balancing Charge rates at levels other than those proposed by NJNG. NJNG’s natural gas costs addressed in the Petition remain subject to audit by the Board, and Board approval shall not preclude or prohibit the Board from taking any such actions deemed appropriate as a result of any such audit.

Copies of the Petition can be reviewed on the Company’s website, www.njng.com/regulatory in the “Filings & Updates” subsection of the “Regulatory Info.”

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 filing.

Date: August 17, 2026

Time: 4:30 pm and 5:30 pm

Location: Zoom Virtual Webinar
Join: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/2458136397>
Meeting ID: 245 813 6397
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Members of the public are invited to present their views on the Petition during the virtual public hearings by joining the Zoom Virtual Webinar or by dialing the toll-free telephone number provided, followed by entering the listed passcode when prompted.

Representatives from the Company, Board Staff and Rate Counsel will participate in the virtual public hearings. Members of the public are invited to participate by utilizing the link or dial-in information above to express their views on the Petition. All comments will be made a part of the final record in this proceeding to be considered by the Board. To encourage full participation in this opportunity for public comment, please submit any requests for needed accommodations, such as interpreters and/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 listed above using the “Post Comments” button on the Board’s Public Document Search tool. Comments are considered public documents for the purposes of the State’s Open Public Records Act. Only public documents 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: <https://www.nj.gov/bpu/agenda/efiling/>.

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

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