

NOTICE OF FILING AND 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. GR24040281**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on April 30, 2024, as modified on July 15, 2024, Elizabethtown Gas Company (“Elizabethtown” or “Company”) filed a 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”) (“Petition”). By Order dated June 12, 2019, the Board approved the IIP and the associated cost recovery mechanism (“Order”).¹ The Order authorized the Company to invest up to \$300 million, over a five (5)-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 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 of those investments through annual adjustments to rates. By the Petition, the Company seeks Board approval to recover \$6.2 million of revenue requirements associated with approximately \$58.0 million of IIP Projects placed in-service from July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024 through rates effective October 1, 2024. The IIP Projects are intended to enhance distribution safety and reliability to the benefit of Elizabethtown’s customers. The Company also believes that the IIP supports the environment, and facilitates economic development and employment in New Jersey.

If approved by the Board, the per therm 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:

		<u>Current Rates</u> <u>per Therm</u>	<u>Proposed Rates</u> <u>per Therm</u>	<u>Change</u> <u>per Therm</u>
RDS	Residential	\$0.0351	\$0.0525	\$0.0174
SGS	Small General Service	\$0.0375	\$0.0562	\$0.0187
GDS	General Delivery Service	\$0.0275	\$0.0412	\$0.0137
GDS	Seasonal SP#1 May-Oct	\$0.0031	\$0.0047	\$0.0016
NGV	Natural Gas Vehicles	\$0.0644	\$0.0964	\$0.0320
LVD	Large Volume Demand	\$0.0099	\$0.0148	\$0.0049
EGF	Electric Generation	\$0.0275	\$0.0412	\$0.0137
GLS	Gas Lights, per mantel	\$0.0333	\$0.0496	\$0.0163
	Firm Special Contracts	\$0.0016	\$0.0023	\$0.0007

The impact of the proposed increase to rates in effect on July 1, 2024 for a residential heating customer using 100 therms per month would be an increase to the customer's monthly bill of \$1.74 from \$138.93 to \$140.67, an increase of 1.3%.

The Board has the statutory authority, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:2-21, to approve and establish these tariff classifications and rates at levels it finds just and reasonable as well as to establish the effective date of such rates. Therefore, the Board may establish these rates at levels and/or an effective date other than those proposed by Elizabethtown.

¹ In re Elizabethtown Gas Company – To Implement an Infrastructure Investment Program (“IIP”) and Associated Recovery Mechanism Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:2-21 and N.J.A.C. 14:3-2A, BPU Docket No. GR18101197, Order dated June 12, 2019.

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 27, 2024

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

LOCATION: Microsoft Teams Meeting

<https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/GR24040281/ETG.IIP>

Meeting ID: 224 128 502 874

Passcode: xnL3VJ

(Access the Microsoft Teams App or Microsoft Teams on the web. On the left side of the screen, click the "Teams" icon. Select "Join" and enter the Meeting ID and Passcode when prompted.)

or

Dial In: 866-984-3163

Conference ID: 433 216 145 followed by the # sign

A copy of this Notice is being served upon the clerk, executive, or administrator of each municipality and county within the Company's service territory.

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 link or 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 in this proceeding 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, 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 at <https://publicaccess.bpu.state.nj.us/>. 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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Elizabethtown Gas Company

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April 30, 2024

Electronic Filing

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Re: 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. _____

Dear Secretary Golden:

Enclosed please find a Petition and supporting documents of Elizabethtown Gas Company for Approval of a Rate Adjustment Pursuant to the Infrastructure Investment Program, which have been filed electronically today consistent with the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities’ (“BPU”) e-Filing rules.

Schedules TK-13 and TK-14 to the Direct Testimony of Thomas Kaufmann each contain information that is non-public confidential financial information. Accordingly, this filing only contains the preliminary public version of Schedules TK-13 and TK-14 to Mr. Kaufmann’s testimony. On this same day, a filing is being made pursuant to the Open Public Records Act (N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1 et seq. and N.J.A.C. 14:1-12.1 et seq.) that contains the full confidential version of this filing.

In accordance with the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (“BPU”) March 19, 2020 and June 10, 2020 Orders issued in BPU Docket No. EO20030254, hard copies are not being submitted at this time, but can be provided at a later time, if needed.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me directly.

Respectfully submitted,



Dominick DiRocco

Enclosures
cc: Service List (electronically)



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July 15, 2024

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Re: 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. GR24040281

Dear Secretary Golden:

With regard to the above-referenced matter, enclosed herewith is the submission of Elizabethtown Gas Company’s 12&0 Update Schedules.

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dominick DiRocco".

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