NOTICE TO NEW JERSEY NATURAL GAS COMPANY CUSTOMERS

NOTICE OF FILING AND PUBLIC HEARINGS

In the Matter of the Petition of New Jersey Natural Gas Company for Approval of a Base Rate Adjustment Pursuant to the Infrastructure Investment Program

Docket No. GR25090528

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on September 5, 2025, New Jersey Natural Gas Company ("NJNG," or "Company") filed a petition and supporting documentation with the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities ("Board," or "BPU") seeking Board approval for base rate changes to provide for cost recovery associated with the Company's Infrastructure Investment Program ("IIP") ("Petition").

By Order dated October 28, 2020, the BPU approved the Company's IIP.[1] The October 2020 Order authorized NJNG to invest up to $150 million, excluding Allowance for Funds Used During Construction ("AFUDC"), to be recovered through base rate adjustments. The IIP was to undertake twenty-two (22) infrastructure projects and install excess flow valves ("EFVs") and regulator protectors aimed at making the Company's distribution system more resilient.

The IIP is a series of capital investment projects that promote enhanced reliability and safety through facility enhancements. The IIP consists of fifteen (15) reliability and resiliency projects, four (4) replacement and reinforcement projects, one (1) regulator station reconstruction project, two (2) trunk line replacement projects, 8,000 excess flow valves, and 47,500 regulator protector vents.

The October 2020 Order authorized the Company to make annual filings with the Board to recover the actual costs associated with IIP projects. The Company's Petition includes a request for recovery in base rates of the actual costs associated with the IIP projects through October 31, 2025, consisting of capital expenditures, including actual costs of engineering, design and construction, cost of removal (net of salvage), property acquisition, actual labor, materials overheads, and capitalized AFUDC.

By the Petition, the Company requested BPU approval to adjust base rates, effective January 1, 2026, to recover approximately $31.9 million in IIP gross plant in-service costs made through October 31, 2025, resulting in a base rate increase of approximately $3.95 million. If the proposed rates are approved by the Board, the impact to the typical residential heating customer using 100 therms per month is a monthly bill increase of $0.61, or 0.3 percent.

The Petition's monthly impact, as of the date of a final Board Order in this proceeding, on a typical residential customer (both heat and non-heat), a typical general service small customer, and a typical general service large customer is estimated based on the usage levels shown in Table 1 below:

Table 1: The Petition's Projected Monthly Impact on Certain Customer Classes

Customer Type	Therm Level	Total Bill		Increase	
		Monthly Bill as of August 1, 2025	Proposed Monthly Bill	Amount	Percent
Residential Heat Sales	100	$179.13	$179.74	$0.61	0.3%
Residential Non-Heat Sales	25	$52.55	$52.70	$0.15	0.3%
General Service – Small	100	$205.26	$206.02	$0.76	0.4%
General Service – Large	1200	$2,209.90	$2,216.26	$6.36	0.3%

[1] In re the Petition of New Jersey Natural Gas Company for Approval to Implement an Infrastructure Investment Program ("IIP") and Associated Cost Recovery Mechanism Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:2-21 and N.J.A.C. 14:3-2A, BPU Docket No. GR19020278, Order dated October 28, 2020 ("October 2020 Order").

The Board has the statutory authority to approve the requested changes to base rates at levels it finds just and reasonable. Therefore, the Board may establish the new rates at levels other than those proposed by NJNG.

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" section.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that virtual public hearings are scheduled for the following date and times so that members of the public may present their views on the Petition:

VIRTUAL PUBLIC HEARINGS

Date: October 20, 2025
Times: 4:30 pm and 5:30 pm

Location: Zoom Virtual Webinar
Join: https://us06web.zoom.us/j/2458136397
Meeting ID: 245 813 6397
Passcode: 819208
Dial-In Number: +1 646 876 9923

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 and express their views on the Petition by utilizing the link or dial-in information above. 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 Secretary of the Board 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, Sherri L. Lewis. 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/. Please include the docket number listed above to assist in identifying the matter you are commenting on.

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

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