



May 8, 2026

VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

Honorable Sherri L. Lewis, Board Secretary
New Jersey Board of Public Utilities
44 South Clinton Avenue, 1st Floor
P.O. Box 350
Trenton, NJ 08625-0350

RE: IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF NEW JERSEY NATURAL GAS
FOR APPROVAL OF A MUNICIPAL FRANCHISE IN THE TOWNSHIP OF
MINE HILL, MORRIS COUNTY

BPU Docket No. GE26050210

Dear Secretary Lewis:

Enclosed for filing, please find the electronic files containing the Petition and supporting Exhibits of New Jersey Natural Gas Company for Approval of a Municipal Franchise in Township of Mine Hill, Morris County, New Jersey pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:2-14 and N.J.A.C. 14:1-5.5.

In accordance with the Order issued by the Board in connection with I/M/O the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities' Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic for a Temporary Waiver of Requirements for Certain Non-Essential Obligations, BPU Docket No. EO20030254, Order dated March 19, 2020, this document is being electronically filed. No paper copies will follow.

Copies of the Petition, including the supporting Exhibits, are also being served electronically upon the New Jersey Division of Rate Counsel and the Division of Law.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Andrew K. Dembia'. The signature is written in a cursive style and is contained within a thin black rectangular border.

Andrew K. Dembia
Regulatory Affairs Counsel

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Enclosures
C: Service List

**NEW JERSEY NATURAL GAS COMPANY PETITION FOR AUTHORIZATION
AND APPROVAL OF MUNICIPAL FRANCHISE
TOWNSHIP OF MINE HILL, MORRIS COUNTY**

BPU DOCKET NO. GE26050210

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**STATE OF NEW JERSEY
BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES**

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF)	PETITION
NEW JERSEY NATURAL GAS COMPANY)	
FOR APPROVAL OF A MUNICIPAL)	BPU DOCKET NO. GE26050210
FRANCHISE IN THE TOWNSHIP OF MINE)	
HILL, MORRIS COUNTY)	

TO: THE HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

New Jersey Natural Gas (“NJNG” or “Company”), hereby petitions the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (“BPU” or “Board”) pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:2-14 and N.J.A.C. 14:1-5.5 to approve the franchise granted by the Township of Mine Hill, Morris County, New Jersey (“Township”) through Resolution 059-2026 (“Resolution”). In support of its petition, NJNG states the following:

1. All communications with respect to this pleading and in this proceeding should be served on the following person:

Andrew K. Dembia, Esq.
Regulatory Affairs Counsel
New Jersey Natural Gas
1415 Wyckoff Road
Post Office Box 1464
Wall, New Jersey 07719
adembia@njng.com

2. NJNG is a corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of New Jersey and is a public utility engaged in the distribution and transportation of natural gas subject to the jurisdiction of the Board. The Company’s principal place of business is located at 1415 Wyckoff Road, Wall, New Jersey. NJNG distributes natural gas and provides transportation service at retail to approximately 594,000 residential, commercial and industrial customers in Monmouth and Ocean Counties and parts of Middlesex, Burlington, Morris and Sussex Counties.

3. Attached hereto in support of this petition are the following exhibits:

Exhibit A A Resolution Granting New Jersey Natural Gas Non-Exclusive Franchise Rights to Provide Natural Gas Within Mine Hill Township, Morris County, New Jersey Resolution 059-2026

Exhibit B Letter Accepting Terms and Conditions of the Resolution

Exhibit C Proposed Notice of Municipal Consent Hearing

4. The Company's current franchise with the Township expired on June 7, 2025.

5. On April 2, 2026, the Township, by Resolution 059-2026, renewed NJNG's franchise for a period of 15 years. A copy of the Resolution is attached as Exhibit "A" to this petition. By letter to the Township dated April 6, 2026, NJNG accepted and agreed to the terms and conditions of such Resolution pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:3-16, which acceptance letter is attached as part of Exhibit "B" to this petition. A proposed notice of a municipal consent hearing is attached to this petition as Exhibit "C." A copy of this petition also has been served on the Clerk of the Township.

6. N.J.S.A. 48:2-14 requires Board approval of a franchise granted by a municipality to a public utility subject to the Board's jurisdiction. The franchise, which is the subject matter of this petition, complies with all statutory and administrative requirements necessary for its approval. The Board's approval of the franchise is necessary and proper for the public convenience and properly conserves the public interest.

WHEREFORE, NJNG respectfully requests that the Board grant the following:

- (1) Approve the franchise granted to NJNG by the Township through Resolution 059-2026; and
- (2) Provide any other relief deemed just and equitable.

Respectfully submitted,

NEW JERSEY NATURAL GAS



By:

Andrew K. Dembia, Esq.
Regulatory Affairs Counsel

Dated: May 8, 2026

RESOLUTION 059-2026
TOWNSHIP COUNCIL - MINE HILL TOWNSHIP
MORRIS COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
APRIL 2, 2026

A RESOLUTION GRANTING CONSENT
TO NEW JERSEY NATURAL GAS COMPANY FRANCHISE
TO LAY, MAINTAIN AND OPERATE GAS FACILITIES IN MINE HILL TOWNSHIP

WHEREAS, New Jersey Natural Gas Company has heretofore been granted consent to lay, maintain and operate gas facilities in Mine Hill Township; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey Natural Gas Company is desirous of obtaining the consent of the municipality to continue serving the municipality;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED that Mine Hill Township hereby consents and authorizes New Jersey Natural Gas Company to continue to lay, maintain and operate, for a period of (15) fifteen years, from the date of the adoption of this resolution its conductors, mains and pipes together with all appurtenances thereto, in, under and over all the public streets, alleys, squares, and public places in Mine Hill Township for the purpose of conducting, transmitting and distributing gas in any mixture of gases of various types, including natural gas, upon the following terms and conditions:

- (1) New Jersey Natural Gas Company shall agree that in all cases in which said openings or excavations are made for the purpose of the aforesaid, the pavement and surface of the streets or roadways shall be restored to the same condition as existed prior to the opening thereof,
- (2) New Jersey Natural Gas Company shall comply with all ordinances and regulations of the Township in effect during the term of this Consent governing and controlling openings and excavations within the public streets and roadways of Mine Hill Township; and
- (3) New Jersey Natural Gas Company shall conduct the work of laying or repairing gas mains and pipelines in a careful and prudent manner and shall hold Mine Hill Township harmless and free from all claims, losses and expenses arising out of or as the result of such work by New Jersey Natural Gas Company.

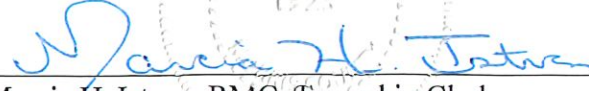
BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that the New Jersey Natural Gas Company shall file with the Clerk of this Municipality within sixty (60) days of the date hereof, its acceptance of the terms and provisions of the consent herein granted and its agreement to be bound by the terms and provisions thereof.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that this resolution shall not become effective unless and until it is approved by the Board of Public Utilities of the State of New Jersey.

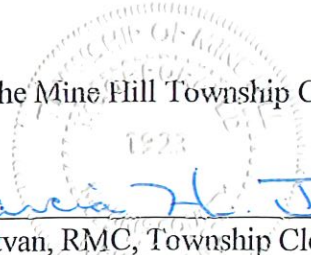
I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of a Resolution passed by the Mine Hill Township Council at a duly convened meeting held on April 2, 2026.



Gary E. Colucci, Council President



Marcia H. Istvan, RMC, Township Clerk





April 6, 2026

Via Electronic Delivery

Honorable Marcia H. Istvan, RMC, CMR
Township Clerk, Registrar
Planning Board Administrator, Recording Clerk Mine Hill Township
10 Baker Street
Mine Hill, NJ 07803

**Re: A RESOLUTION GRANTING NEW JERSEY NATURAL GAS
NON-EXCLUSIVE FRANCHISE RIGHTS TO PROVIDE
NATURAL GAS WITHIN MINE HILL TOWNSHIP, MORRIS
COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION 059-2026**

Dear Ms. Istvan:

New Jersey Natural Gas Company ("NJNG") hereby accepts the terms and provisions of the franchise granted by the Township Council on April 2, 2026 and hereby agrees to be bound by the terms and provisions thereof. See Resolution No. 059-2026 attached hereto.

Please be advised that NJNG will submit the Resolution to the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities for approval.

Respectfully submitted,

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Andrew K. Dembia, Esq.
Regulatory Affairs Counsel

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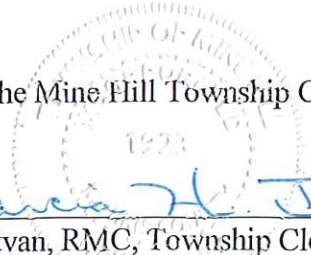
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May xx, 2026

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**RE: In the Matter of the Petition of New Jersey Natural Gas for Approval of a
Municipal Franchise in the Township of Mine Hill, Morris County
BPU Docket No.**

Dear Parties Addressed:

Pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 48:2-14, New Jersey Natural Gas Company (“NJNG”) has applied to the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (“Board”) for approval of the Township of Mine Hill (“Township”) Resolution 059-2026, which granted NJNG permission to provide natural gas service in the Township as provided in said Resolution. Please be advised that the Board has set [DATE TBD] at [TIME TBD], as the date and time for the Municipal Consent Hearing. This Municipal Consent Hearing will be held via Zoom. The Zoom log-in information is as follows:

Join by holding down control button and clicking on below link:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/2458136397>

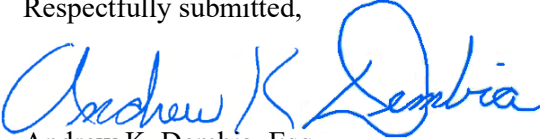
Meeting ID: 245 813 6397

Dial-In Phone Number: 1-646-876-9923

Access Code: 819208

A Zoom meeting invitation will be sent to you in advance of the scheduled date for this Municipal Consent Hearing. You are welcome to participate in the Zoom meeting to put your views on the record if you so desire. Also, notice of the hearing is posted on the Company's web site, njng.com, so interested members of the public may view the hearing.

Respectfully submitted,


Andrew K. Dembia, Esq.
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