

NOTICE OF FILING AND PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE TO THE RESIDENTS OF HOLMDEL TOWNSHIP IN MONMOUTH COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF NEW JERSEY NATURAL GAS COMPANY FOR A DETERMINATION CONCERNING THE HOLMDEL REGULATOR STATION PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40:55D-19 - BPU DOCKET NO. G018111257; OAL DOCKET NO. PUC 17810-2018S

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on November 29, 2018, New Jersey Natural Gas Company ("NJNG") filed a Petition with the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities ("Board") appealing a decision of the Holmdel Township Zoning Board of Adjustment denying NJNG's application for the construction of a proposed regulator station ("Station"). The Station will be a natural gas pressure reduction facility that will consist of a filter, heater, two regulator runs and associated piping. It will reduce the natural gas pressure between the transmission system and distribution system by more than 600 pounds per square inch, or psig. The Station will be located within easements on private property. It will occupy a parcel of land located on Block 13, Lot 13 in Holmdel (the "Proposed Site"). The street address for the Proposed Site is 960 Holmdel Road, Holmdel, New Jersey. The lot is 16.51 acres and is occupied by an office park complex and an existing cellular communications tower. The Station will be situated on a small section of the property approximately 180 feet west of the Holmdel Road right-of-way. NJNG is requesting that the Board issue an Order pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:55D-19 to determine that the construction of the Station, which will benefit of the residents of Holmdel and neighboring municipalities in Monmouth County, is reasonably necessary for the service, convenience, or welfare of the public. Additionally, NJNG requests the Board to determine that no alternative site or sites are reasonably available to achieve an equivalent public benefit; and find that the Township of Holmdel and Monmouth County Zoning ordinances, the applicable site plan review, all other Municipal Land Use Ordinances, and all regulations promulgated thereto under Title 40 of the New Jersey Statutes and the Municipal Land Use Law of the State of New Jersey shall not apply to the proposed Station. The final cost of the project has yet to be determined. The Company will seek a prudency review and a recovery of the costs of the Project, if completed, in future proceedings before the Board.

Notice of this filing, including a copy of the filing and all pre-filed testimony, has been served on the Clerk of the Township of Holmdel and the Clerk of the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Monmouth, the Department of Law & Public Safety, Division of Law, and on the Director of the New Jersey Division of Rate Counsel.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Office of Administrative Law has scheduled a public hearing on the Petition under BPU Docket No. G018111257 and OAL Docket No. PUC 17810-2018S. The public hearing will be held at the following time and location:

February 13, 2020, 6:00 p.m.
Holmdel Township Senior/Community Center
6 Crawfords Corner Road
Holmdel, NJ 07733

An Administrative Law Judge will preside at the hearing. Members of the public will have an opportunity to be heard and/or to submit written comments or statements at the public hearing if they wish to do so. Persons requiring special accommodations because of disability should contact the Clerk of the Office of Administrative Law at (973) 648-7143 at least 48 hours prior to the scheduled hearing so that appropriate arrangements can be made. Written comments or statements may also be submitted directly to the Clerk of the Office of Administrative Law, 33 Washington Street, Newark, New Jersey 07102 or to Aida Camacho-Welch, Secretary, New Jersey Board of Public Utilities, 44 South Clinton Avenue, 9th Floor, P.O. Box 350, Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0350. Comments, if any, should be identified with the heading "In the Matter of the Petition of New Jersey Natural Gas Company for a Determination Concerning Holmdel Regulator Station Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:55D-19, BPU Docket No. G018111257; OAL Docket No. PUC 17810-2018S."

A copy of this notice is being served upon the Clerk of the Township of Holmdel and the Clerk of the Board of Chosen Freeholders of Monmouth County. Copies of the Petition are available for public inspection during regular business hours at the Board's office at 44 South Clinton Avenue, Trenton, New Jersey 08625, and online at <https://www.njng.com/regulatory/>