

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. GO17010023; OAL DOCKET NO. PUC 01160-2017N

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on January 10, 2017, 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 on private property within an easement area of approximately 100 feet-by-85 feet on a parcel of land located on Block 13, Lot 14. The street address is 970 Holmdel Road where Cornerstone Power Holmdel operates a solar farm. 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 for the 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 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. GO17010023 and OAL Docket No. PUC 01160-2017N. The public hearing will be held at the following time and location:

Thursday, June 8, 2017, 6:00 p.m.
Holmdel Township Senior/Community Center
6 Crawford's 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. 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. GO17010023; OAL Docket No. PUC 01160-2017N."

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/pdf/NJNG-Petition-Concerning-Holmdel-Regulator-Station-1-11-2017.pdf>