

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

### IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF ELIZABETHTOWN GAS COMPANY TO (1) REVISE ITS WEATHER NORMALIZATION CLAUSE RATE; (2) REVISE THE CLEAN ENERGY PROGRAM COMPONENT OF ITS SOCIETAL BENEFITS CHARGE RATE; AND (3) REVISE ITS ON-SYSTEM MARGIN SHARING CREDIT BPU Docket No. GR20070501

On July 31, 2020, Elizabethtown Gas Company (“Company” or “Elizabethtown”) filed a petition with the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (“Board”) in Docket No. GR20070501 to revise its Weather Normalization Clause (“WNC”), the Clean Energy Program (“CEP”) component of its Societal Benefits Charge (“SBC”), and its On-System Margin Sharing Credit (“OSMC”). The Company petitioned the Board to establish a WNC rate of \$0.0171 per therm to recover a deficiency balance of \$5.5 million, a CEP rate of \$0.0280 per therm to recover CEP cost responsibility amounting to \$13.2 million, and an OSMC credit rate of \$0.0020 per therm for an adjustment to margin contributions amounting to \$0.6 million, inclusive of taxes, to be effective October 1, 2020. The WNC allows the Company to implement surcharges or credits during the months of October through May to compensate for weather-related changes in customer usage from the previous winter period. The CEP component of the SBC recovers the costs of statewide energy efficiency and renewable energy programs mandated by the Board. The OSMC rate is designed to flow back the margins received from on-system sales and transportation services to the Company’s firm customers. The proposed rates are subject to Board approval and may be higher or lower depending on the Board’s final determination and the date on which such rates are made effective. A comparison of the Company’s current rates to the proposed rates is as follows:

	<u>Current Rates</u> <u>per Therm</u>	<u>Proposed Rates</u> <u>per Therm</u>
<b>WNC</b>	\$0.0000	\$0.0171
<b>CEP</b>	\$0.0213	\$0.0280
<b>OSMC</b>	<u>(\$0.0015)</u>	<u>(\$0.0020)</u>
<b>Total</b>	\$0.0198	\$0.0431

The combined effect of the Company's filing to a residential customer using an average of 100 therms per month, compared to rates currently in effect, is as follows:

Average Monthly Consumption in <u>Therms</u>	<u>Present Bill</u> <u>July 1, 2020</u>	<u>Proposed Bill</u>	<u>Proposed Increase</u>	<u>Percent Change</u>
100	\$106.14	\$108.47	\$2.33	2.2%

Any assistance required by customers in ascertaining the impact of the proposed rate increase will be provided by the Company upon request.

Copies of the Petition are available online at Elizabethtown’s website: [www.elizabethtowngas.com/rates-and-tariff](http://www.elizabethtowngas.com/rates-and-tariff) under Regulatory Information.

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that due to the COVID-19 pandemic, a telephonic public hearing will be conducted on the following day and times so that members of the public may present their views on the Company’s filing.

Date: September 10, 2020

Hearing Times: 4:30 pm and 5:30 pm

Dial-In: 866-984-3163

Conference ID: 434 367 562 followed by #

Representatives from the Company, Board Staff, and Rate Counsel will participate in the telephonic public hearing. Members of the public are invited to participate by utilizing the Dial-In and Conference ID information set forth above, and may express their views on this filing. Such comments will be made part of the final record of the proceeding to be considered by the Board. The Board is also accepting written and emailed comments. Although both will be given equal consideration, the preferred method of transmittal is via email to ensure timely receipt while the Board continues to work remotely due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Written comments may be submitted to the Board Secretary, Aida Camacho, at the Board of Public Utilities, 44 South Clinton Avenue, 9th Floor, P.O. Box 350, Trenton, NJ 08625-0350. Email comments should be submitted to: [board.secretary@bpu.nj.gov](mailto:board.secretary@bpu.nj.gov). Please include the name of the petition and the docket number when submitting comments. Written and emailed comments will be provided the same weight as statements made at the hearings. Hearings will continue, if necessary, on such additional dates and times as the Board may designate, to ensure that all interested persons are heard.

Any customers seeking assistance to enable full participation in the telephonic public hearings should contact Ann Handlin, a Company representative, at 908-662-8453.

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**Electronic Filing**

Aida Camacho-Welch, Secretary  
NJ Board of Public Utilities  
44 South Clinton Avenue, 3rd Floor, Ste 314  
P. O. Box 350  
Trenton, NJ 08625-0350

**Re: In the Matter of the Petition of Elizabethtown Gas Company To (1) Revise Its Weather Normalization Clause Rate; (2) Revise the Clean Energy Program Component Of Its Societal Benefits Charge Rate; and (3) Revise Its On-System Margin Sharing Credit  
BPU Docket No. \_\_\_\_\_**

Dear Secretary Camacho-Welch:

Enclosed herewith is Elizabethtown Gas Company's Petition To (1) Revise Its Weather Normalization Clause Rate; (2) Revise the Clean Energy Program Component Of Its Societal Benefits Charge Rate; and (3) Revise Its On-System Margin Sharing Credit, which has been filed electronically today utilizing the Board's e-filing Program. Due to the pandemic, and in accordance with the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities ("BPU") March 19, 2020 and May 20, 2020 Orders issued in BPU Docket No. EO20030254, hard copies are not being provided at this time, but can be provided at a later time, as needed.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions you may have. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Deborah M. Franco".

Deborah M. Franco

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Enclosures

cc: Service list (electronically)