

**Elizabethtown Gas Company
 Notice of Public Hearings Regarding
 Petition of Elizabethtown Gas Company for Approval of New
 Energy Efficiency Programs and Associated Cost Recovery Pursuant to the Clean
 Energy Act and the Establishment of a Conservation Incentive Program BPU Docket No. GO20090619**

On September 25, 2020, Elizabethtown Gas Company (“Company” or “Elizabethtown”) filed a petition with the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (“Board”) in Docket No. GO20090619 to establish new Energy Efficiency Programs (“EEPs”) for a three-year term from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2024 and an associated cost recovery mechanism. The proposed EEPs and cost recovery mechanism are filed in accordance with the Clean Energy Act of 2018 (“CEA”) and the Board’s Order dated June 10, 2020 in Docket Nos. QO19010040, QO19060748, and QO17091004 (“June 2020 Order”). In general, the proposed EEPs provide monetary incentives and customer education to Elizabethtown’s residential and commercial customers to encourage energy efficiency.

The proposed program budget is \$99.9 million, which is comprised of \$90.6 million of program investment and \$9.3 million of operations and maintenance costs. Elizabethtown requests that the Board allow the Company to recover the costs of the EEP program, including a return on and return of the investments associated with the program. It is estimated that Elizabethtown would recover a total of approximately \$105.3 million from ratepayers and \$24.9 million from loan participants from 2021 through 2037.

The petition also includes a proposal to implement a Conservation Incentive Program (“CIP”) designed to recover lost revenues due to the EEPs and encourage Elizabethtown to invest in energy efficiency. The proposed CIP would quantify sales loss from energy efficiency by comparing actual usage per customer to baseline usage on a monthly basis, accounting for weather-related variation. The CIP would include certain customer protections, including a shareholder contribution to support conservation and education efforts.

The Company recovers the cost of its current EEPs through its EEP Rider rate. The Company’s current EEP Rider rate is \$0.0073 per therm. The proposed Year 1 EEP rate will be \$0.0155 per therm. This represents an increase of \$0.0082 per therm to the current EEP rate of \$0.0073 per therm for a total combined EEP rate of \$0.0155 per therm, to be effective upon issuance of a Board Order. The following chart reflects projections of the potential future rates and bill impacts through 2023:

	<u>Current Program</u>	<u>New Program</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>100 Therm Bill Change</u>
July 1, 2021	\$0.0073	\$0.0155	\$0.0082	\$0.82
July 1, 2022	\$0.0073	\$0.0237	\$0.0164	\$1.64
July 1, 2023	\$0.0073	\$0.0359	\$0.0286	\$2.86

If the new program is approved, the effect of the Year 1 rate change of \$0.0082 per therm on a typical residential customer using an average of 100 therms per month is illustrated below:

<u>Consumption in Therms</u>	<u>Present Bill</u>	<u>Proposed Bill</u>	<u>Change in Bill</u>	<u>Percent Change</u>
100	\$101.44	\$102.26	\$0.82	0.8%

The Board has the statutory and regulatory authority to approve and establish these tariff classifications and charges at levels it finds just and reasonable. Therefore, the Board may determine and establish these charges at levels other than those proposed by Elizabethtown.

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 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: January 21, 2021

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

Dial-In: 866-984-3163

Conference ID: 342 391 550 followed by #

To attend or participate in the telephonic public hearing, please dial the "Dial In" number above. When prompted, enter the "Conference ID" number listed above

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. In order to encourage full participation in this opportunity for public comment, please submit any requests for needed accommodations, such as interpreters, listening devices, or mobility assistance, 48 hours prior to the above hearings to the Board's Secretary at board.secretary@bpu.nj.gov.

The Board will also accept email/written comments. Members of the public may file comments with the Secretary of the Board, whether via email in PDF or Word format, to board.secretary@bpu.nj.gov or through the Board's External Access Portal after obtaining a MyNewJersey Portal ID. Once an account is established, you will need an authorization code, which can be obtained upon request by emailing the Board's IT Helpdesk at ITHELPDESK@bpu.nj.gov. Detailed instructions for e-Filing can be found on the Board's home page at <https://www.nj.gov/bpu/agenda/efiling>. Written comments may also 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. All comments should include the name of the petition and the docket number. While all comments are given equal consideration and will be made part of the final record of the proceeding, the recommended method for the submission of comments is via email or the portal to ensure timely receipt while the Board continues to work remotely due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Hearings will continue, if necessary, on such additional dates and times as the Board may designate, to ensure that all interested persons are heard.

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Dear Secretary Camacho-Welch:

Enclosed please find a Petition and supporting documents of Elizabethtown Gas Company which have been filed electronically today through 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.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me directly.

Respectfully submitted,

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

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Enclosures

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Dear Ms. Peterson and Ms. Mooij:

Attached please find Schedule P-1 which contains the confidential calculation of the CTA referenced in the ETG Energy Efficiency filing made on September 25, 2020. We ask you to maintain confidentiality in accordance with NDA and distribute only to persons in your organizations. Please note that sharing with Rate Counsel consultants are subject to receipt of signed NDA.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me directly.

Respectfully,

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