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New Jersey Natural Gas

February 4, 2014

To: County Clerk, Municipal Clerk and County Administrator

RE: THE BOARD'S ESTABLISHMENT OF A GENERIC PROCEEDING TO REVIEW COSTS, BENEFITS AND RELIABILITY IMPACTS OF MAJOR STORM EVENT MITIGATION EFFORTS
BPU DOCKET NO. AX13030197

NEW JERSEY NATURAL GAS COMPANY FOR APPROVAL OF THE NJ RISE PROGRAM AND ASSSOCIATED RATE RECOVERY MECHANISM
BPU DOCKET NO.GR13090828

IN THE MATTER OF THE BOARD'S ESTABLISHING A GENERIC PROCEEDING TO REVIEW THE PRUDENCY OF COSTS INCURRED BY NJ UTILITY COMPANIES IN RESPONSES TO MAJOR STORM EVENTS IN 2011 AND 2012
BPU DOCKET NO.: AX13030196/GO13070610

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Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:2-32.6, New Jersey Natural Gas Company hereby serves upon you the Notice of Public Hearing in the above referenced matters. The subject hearings are scheduled for the following times and locations:

Tues., February 18, 2014, 4:30 and 5:30 pm
Rockaway Township Municipal Bldg
Mt. Hope Road
Rockaway, NJ 07866

Wed., February 19, 2014, 4:30 and 5:30 pm
Freehold Township Municipal Building65
One Municipal Plaza, Schank Road
Freehold, NJ 07728-3099

Very truly yours,

Tracey Thayer

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Enclosure
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NOTICE TO NEW JERSEY NATURAL GAS CUSTOMERS
Docket Nos. AX13030196 and GO13070610

NOTICE OF FILING AND PUBLIC HEARINGS

TO OUR CUSTOMERS:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on July 1, 2013, New Jersey Natural Gas (NJNG or the Company) filed with the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (BPU) for approval to recover costs associated with restoration efforts following the impact of Superstorm Sandy. In an Order dated March 20, 2013 (the March 20 Order), the BPU initiated a generic proceeding to review the prudency of costs incurred by New Jersey utilities for restoration efforts related to Major Storm Events in 2011 and 2012 and Superstorm Sandy was included in that category. The March 20 Order required that all utilities seeking recovery of unreimbursed costs related to Major Storm Events had to submit a comprehensive filing no later than July 1, 2013. A copy of the filing is available at www.njng.com/regulatory.

At this time, the Company is requesting BPU approval for approval to recover approximately $39 million ($14.7 million of operating and maintenance costs and $24.1 million for capital expenditures) associated with the costs of restoration work following Superstorm Sandy. If approved, there is no immediate impact on customers' rates. The Company will seek recovery of those costs in the next base rate case filing with the BPU which is anticipated to be no later than November 15, 2015.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Board has scheduled public hearings on this petition at the following date, times and place:

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The public is invited to attend, and interested persons will be permitted to testify and/or make a statement of their views on the proposed increases. In order to encourage full participation in this opportunity for public comment, please submit any requests for needed accommodations, including interpreter, listening devices or mobility assistance, 48 hours prior to these hearings to the Board Secretary at the address below. Regardless of whether they attend the hearing, members of the public may submit written comments concerning the petition to the Board by addressing them to: Kristi Izzo, Secretary, New Jersey Board of Public Utilities, 44 South Clinton Avenue, 9th Floor, P.O. Box 350, Trenton, New Jersey, 08625-0350. Copies of the NJNG filing can be reviewed at the NJNG Customer Service Centers, the addresses of which are located on the NJNG bill, or at the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities, 7th Floor, 44 South Clinton Avenue, P.O. Box 350, Trenton, New Jersey, 08625-0350.

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NOTICE TO NEW JERSEY NATURAL GAS CUSTOMERS
Docket Nos. AX13030197 and GO13090828

NOTICE OF FILING AND PUBLIC HEARINGS

TO OUR CUSTOMERS:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on September 3, 2013, New Jersey Natural Gas (NJNG or the Company) filed with the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (BPU) for approval to implement NJ Reinvestment in System Enhancement (NJ RISE), a series of capital investment projects that promote enhanced reliability and safety through facility enhancements for storm readiness and response. In an Order dated March 20, 2013 (the March 20 Order), the BPU found it critical to investigate prudent, cost efficient and effective opportunities to enhance utility infrastructure against damage from major storm events. NJNG is proposing six projects to be completed over a period of five years following approval by the BPU. Those projects consist of the installation of secondary gas distribution mains into the Sea Bright Peninsula, the Seaside Peninsula and Long Beach Island. Additionally, two regulator station reinforcement projects will be undertaken, one in Mantoloking and the other in Ship Bottom on Long Beach Island. Also, an existing back-up regulator station will be relocated from Mantoloking to the mainland. Finally, the Company is proposing to install excess flow valves (EFVs) on all services in waterfront communities that may be impacted by coastal and back-bay flooding and/or storm surge. A copy of the filing is available at www.njng.com/regulatory.

At this time, the Company is requesting BPU approval of approximately $102.5 million of costs associated with the NJ RISE projects to be completed over a five-year period and, if approved, there is no immediate impact on customers' rates. The Company's proposal includes the submission of annual rate filings to recover the capital investment costs associated with NJ RISE. Based on the Company's current rates and anticipated sales volumes, a typical residential heat customer using 1,000 therms annually could experience a rate increase of approximately 0.45 percent each year, or an average rate increase of $5.00 per year, over the five-year period. The cumulative increases over the five-year period are estimated to be $25.00 for the typical residential heat customer, or 2.25 percent.

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