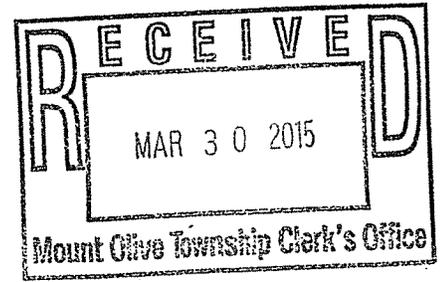




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March 27, 2015



To: County Clerk, Municipal Clerk and County Administrator

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF  
NEW JERSEY NATURAL GAS COMPANY  
FOR APPROVAL OF ENERGY-  
EFFICIENCY PROGRAMS AND THE  
ASSOCIATED COST RECOVERY  
MECHANISM  
BPU DOCKET NO. GO14121412

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

April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2015 at 4:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.  
Freehold Township Municipal Building  
One Municipal Plaza-Schanck Road  
Freehold, NJ 07728-2195

April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at 4:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.  
Rockaway Township Municipal Building  
65 Mt. Hope Road  
Rockaway, NJ 07866

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Andrew K. Dembia'.

Andrew K. Dembia, Esq.  
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**NOTICE TO NEW JERSEY NATURAL GAS CUSTOMERS**  
**Petition for Approval of SAVEGREEN Extension and Associated Cost Recovery**  
**Mechanisms**  
**Docket Nos. GO14121412**

**NOTICE OF FILING AND PUBLIC HEARING**

**TO OUR CUSTOMERS:**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on December 17, 2014, New Jersey Natural Gas (“NJNG” or the “Company”) filed a petition with the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (“Board”) seeking approval of an extension to the currently approved energy-efficiency programs offered through NJNG’s The SAVEGREEN™ Project (“SAVEGREEN”) and the associated cost recovery mechanisms. The proposed programs target residential and commercial customers in the NJNG service territory and complement or supplement existing offers through New Jersey’s Clean Energy Program (“NJCEP”). These NJNG programs will provide customers with increased incentives for participation in NJCEP programs through grants, on-bill repayment arrangements, audits and weatherization opportunities as well as expanded outreach efforts. NJNG also requested that the Board allow the Company to continue the Board-approved Energy Efficiency (“EE”) Rider that has been in effect since August 1, 2009 for collection of the costs associated with these programs. Those costs include funds for grants, customer incentives and the associated incremental Operations and Maintenance expenses. NJNG has requested that the carrying costs associated with these programs be allowed. The Company is requesting to continue SAVEGREEN for a period of three years. If approved by the BPU, the SAVEGREEN Program will continue until June 2018. The total cost of the SAVEGREEN Program is \$143.74 million which is comprised of \$127.95 million of capital investment and \$15.79 million of operation and maintenance expenses over the proposed three year program. NJNG has requested that the Board allow the Company to recover the costs of the program, including a return on and return of the investments associated with the program. It is estimated that NJNG would recover a total of approximately \$96.7 million from ratepayers from 2015 through 2026. In this Petition NJNG has not requested a contemporaneous change to the EE rate. If these programs are approved as filed, customers will see no change in their bill before October 2015. The annual rate impact of the program for a typical residential heating customer using 1000 therms of natural gas per year expected to average \$12.54 per year or 1.2 percent over the 2015-2026 period, and are expected to peak at \$32.49 in 2017. The estimated rate impacts to customers for 2015 through 2017 are set forth in the following chart:

**NEW JERSEY NATURAL GAS COMPANY**  
**RATE IMPACT**

**NOTE: In this SAVEGREEN Filing, NJNG has not requested a change in its Rider F Rate.**

	2015	2016	2017
<b><u>Typical Annual Bill Impacts</u></b>			
<i><u>Residential Non-Heat (200 annual therms)</u></i>			
Cumulative Increase from Current Bill	\$2.89	\$4.69	\$6.50
Cumulative % Increase from Current Bill	1.0%	1.7%	2.3%
<i><u>Residential Heat (1,000 annual therms)</u></i>			
Cumulative Increase from Current Bill	\$14.44	\$23.46	\$32.49
Cumulative % Increase from Current Bill	1.4%	2.3%	3.2%
<i><u>General Service Small (1,200 annual therms)</u></i>			
Cumulative Increase from Current Bill	\$17.33	\$28.16	\$38.99
Cumulative % Increase from Current Bill	1.2%	2.0%	2.8%

General Service Large (15,000 annual therms)

Cumulative Increase from Current Bill	\$216.58	\$351.96	\$487.32
Cumulative % Increase from Current Bill	1.4%	2.2%	3.1%

Pursuant to Board Orders dated July 17, 2009 (Docket Nos. EO09010056 and EO09010057), September 24, 2010 (Docket No. GO10030225), January 18, 2012 (Docket No. GR11070425) and June 21, 2013 (Docket No. GO12070640) NJNG is authorized to recover all costs associated with the SAVEGREEN Programs. NJNG also made a filing on June 2, 2014 requesting that the Board maintain the Company's current BPU approved EE rate of \$0.0327 per therm after-tax.

The EE recovery charge mechanism will operate and be applied in a manner consistent with existing components and processes of the EE Rider applicable to all jurisdictional throughput volumes. Individual customers participating in the SAVEGREEN programs are expected to achieve annual savings on their energy bills.

There is no immediate change to the EE rate or impact on customer bills from this filing. Pursuant to the EE rider, NJNG shall submit annual filings for changes to the EE rate. Additionally, the Board has the statutory authority to establish the EE rate at a level it finds just and reasonable pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 48:2-21*. Therefore, the Board may establish the EE charge at a level other than that proposed by NJNG which would have an impact on a customer's bill.

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that a public hearing on the extension of the SAVEGREEN Programs and EE Rider has been scheduled at the following dates, times and places:

April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2015 at 4:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.  
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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 rate changes. 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 this hearing 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: Kenneth Sheehan, Secretary, New Jersey Board of Public Utilities, 44 South Clinton Street, 9<sup>th</sup> Floor, P.O. Box 350, Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0350. Copies of NJNG's filing can be reviewed either at the NJNG Customer Service Centers or at the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities, 44 South Clinton Street, 9<sup>th</sup> Floor, Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0350.

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