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To: County Clerk, Municipal Clerk and County Administrator

Re: IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF
NEW JERSEY NATURAL GAS COMPANY
FOR THE ANNUAL REVIEW AND REVISION OF
SOCIETAL BENEFITS CHARGE (SBC) FACTORS
FOR REMEDIATION YEARS 2015
DOCKET NO. GR15121433

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 May 31, 2016 at 4:30 and 5:30 P.M. at the Rockaway Township Municipal Building 65, Mt. Hope Road, Rockaway Township, New Jersey and on June 1, 2016 at 4:30 and 5:30 P.M. at the Freehold Township Municipal Building, One Municipal Plaza-Schanck Road, Freehold, New Jersey.

Very truly yours,

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Enclosure

NOTICE TO NEW JERSEY NATURAL GAS COMPANY CUSTOMERS
Docket No. GR15121433

NOTICE OF SOCIETAL BENEFITS CHARGE FILING AND PUBLIC HEARING

TO OUR CUSTOMERS:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on December 24, 2015, New Jersey Natural Gas ("NJNG" or the "Company") filed its annual Societal Benefits Charge ("SBC") petition with the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities ("Board") for a price adjustment for all applicable service customers. Pursuant to its filing, NJNG requested that the Board permit NJNG to decrease its overall SBC rate which would include an increase to the Remediation Adjustment ("RA") factor and a decrease to the New Jersey Clean Energy Program ("NJCEP") factor effective March 1, 2016. No change is proposed to the Universal Service Fund ("USF") rate which would remain at the current Board-approved statewide rate.

The RA rate provides recovery of actual costs incurred by NJNG for the clean-up of former manufactured gas plant sites. The NJCEP surcharge is designed to recover costs incurred for NJNG's share of statewide energy efficiency and renewable energy expenditures. The USF is a fund established by the Board to provide affordable access to electricity and natural gas to residential customers in New Jersey. The overall SBC rate is comprised of the above components.

If the Board approves the requested price adjustment, the impact will result in an overall decrease of approximately ($0.78) per month or (0.81) percent for a residential heating customer using 100 therms per month. The above-referenced proposal will not result in any profit for NJNG.

If approved by the Board, the impact of the proposed changes to the RA and NJCEP factors on typical natural gas bills is illustrated below:

		Total Bill			
Customer Type	Therm Level (Usage)	Monthly Bill as of December 1, 2015	Proposed Monthly Bill as of March 1, 2016	Net Dollar Decrease	Percent Decrease
Residential Heat Sales	100	$96.22	$95.44	($0.78)	(0.81%)
Residential Non-Heat Sales	25	$29.79	$29.60	($(0.19)	(0.64%)
General Service Small	100	$112.38	$111.60	($(0.78)	(0.69%)
General Service Large	1200	$1,129.90	$1,120.54	($9.36)	(0.83%)

The Board has the statutory authority to establish the RA and NJCEP factors at levels it finds just and reasonable. Therefore, the Board may establish the RA and NJCEP factors at levels other than those proposed by NJNG. NJNG's SBC costs addressed in this petition will remain subject to audit by the Board, and Board approval shall not preclude or prohibit the Board from taking any such actions deemed appropriate as a result of any such audit.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that public hearings have been scheduled for the following dates, times and places:

May 31, 2016 at 4:30 and 5:30 P.M.
Rockaway Township Municipal Building
Conference Room
65 Mt. Hope Road
Rockaway Township, New Jersey 07866-1698

June 1, 2016 at 4:30 and 5:30 P.M.
Freehold Township Municipal Building
Conference Room
One Municipal Plaza, Schanck Road
Freehold, New Jersey 07728-3099

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. 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: Irene Kim Asbury, Secretary, New Jersey Board of Public Utilities, 44 South Clinton Avenue, 3rd Floor, Suite 314, P.O. Box 350 Trenton, NJ 08625-0350. Copies of the Company's December 24, 2015 filing can be reviewed either at the NJNG Customer Service Centers listed on the Company's website, www.njng.com, or at the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities, Office of Case Management, 44 South Clinton Avenue, 3rd Floor, P.O. Box 350 Trenton, NJ 08625-0350. The filing can also be viewed on NJNG's website at https://www.njng.com/regulatory/pdf/NJNG-SBC-Filing-12-24-2015.pdf.

New Jersey Natural Gas Company
Andrew K. Dembia, Esq.