NOTICE TO PUBLIC SERVICE ELECTRIC AND GAS COMPANY GAS CUSTOMERS IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC SERVICE ELECTRIC AND GAS COMPANY'S 2018/2019 ANNUAL BGSS COMMODITY CHARGE FILING FOR ITS RESIDENTIAL GAS CUSTOMERS UNDER ITS PERIODIC PRICING MECHANISM AND FOR CHANGES IN ITS BALANCING CHARGE

Notice of Filing And Notice of Public Hearings | Docket No. GR18060606

TAKE NOTICE that, on June 1, 2018, Public Service Electric and Gas Company (Public Service or the Company) filed a Motion and supporting testimony (Annual BGSS Commodity Charge filing) with the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (Board or BPU) requesting that the Board permit Public Service to decrease its Basic Gas Supply Service (BGSS-RSG) Commodity Charge to Residential Service (RSG) customers and to increase its Balancing Charge to customers receiving service under RSG, General Service (GSG), Large Volume Service (LVG) and Contract Service (CSG) where applicable effective October 1, 2018, or earlier, should the Board deem it appropriate. Approval of the Company's request would result in a decrease in annual BGSS-RSG revenues of approximately \$24.8 million (excluding losses and New Jersey Sales and Use Tax, SUT). The requested decrease in the BGSS-RSG Commodity Charge is from \$0.368938 per therm (including losses and SUT) to \$0.349579 per therm (including losses and SUT). The requested increase in the Balancing Charge is from \$0.090052 per therm (including SUT) to \$0.102825 per therm (including SUT).

Based on rates effective June 1, 2018, the combined effect of the requested decrease in the annual BGSS Commodity Charge and increase in the Balancing Charge on typical residential gas bills, if approved by the Board, is shown in Table #1.

Under the Company's proposal, a residential heating customer using 100 therms per month during the winter months and 610 therms on an annual basis would see a decrease in the annual bill from \$558.56 to \$551.49, or \$7.07, or approximately 1.3%. Moreover, under the Company's proposal, a typical residential heating customer using 165 therms per month during the winter months and 1,010 therms on an annual basis would see a decrease in the annual bill from \$879.16 to \$867.45, or \$11.71, or approximately 1.3%.

In addition, the Board, in its Order in Docket No. GX01050304 dated January 6, 2003, granted Public Service approval to increase its Commodity Charge rates to be effective December 1st of this year and/or February 1st of next year on a self-implementing basis, with each such increase being subject to a maximum rate increase of 5% of the average rate based on a typical 100 therms per month average (1,198 therms annual usage) residential customer's total bill. Such rate increases shall be preconditioned upon written notice by Public Service to the BPU Staff and to the Division of Rate Counsel no later than November 1st of this year and/or January 1st of next year of its intention to apply a December 1st or a February 1st self-implementing rate increase, respectively, and the approximate amount of the increases based upon then current market data. These increases, if implemented, would be in accordance with the Board approved methodology.

Should it become necessary to apply the December 1st self-implementing 5% increase, the bill impact would be an increase as illustrated in Table #2. Further, if a February 1st self-implementing 5% increase becomes necessary, then there would be an additional increase as also shown in Table #2.

The above requests will not result in any profit to the Company.

Any final rate adjustments with resulting changes in bill impacts found by the Board to be just and reasonable as the result of this filing may be modified and/or allocated by the Board in accordance with the provisions of <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 48:2-21, and for other good and legally sufficient reasons, to any class or classes of customers of the Company. Therefore, the above described charges may increase or decrease based upon the Board's decision.

Copies of the Company's Motion and its supporting documents can be reviewed at the Company's Customer Service Centers, online at the PSEG website at <u>http://www.pseg.com/pseandgfilings</u> and at the Board of Public Utilities at 44 South Clinton Avenue, Seventh Floor, Trenton, NJ 08625-0350. The following dates, times and locations for public hearings have been scheduled on the Company's filing so that members of the public may present their views.

August 21, 2018 4:30 and 5:30 PM Middlesex County Administration Building Freeholders Meeting Room 1st Floor Meeting Room 75 Bayard Street New Brunswick, NJ 08901 August 27, 2018 4:30 and 5:30 PM Bergen County Administration Building Freeholders Public Meeting Room Room 540 1 Bergen County Plaza Hackensack, NJ 07601 August 29, 2018 4:30 and 5:30 PM Burlington County Administration Building Board of Chosen Freeholders Board Room 1st Floor 49 Rancocas Road Mt. Holly. NJ 08060

In order to encourage full participation in this opportunity for public comment, please submit any requests for needed accommodations, including interpreters, listening devices or mobility assistance, 48 hours prior to the above hearings to the Board's Secretary at the following address. Board of Public Utilities at 44 South Clinton Avenue, Third Floor, Suite 314, P.O. Box 350, Trenton, New Jersey, 08625-0350 ATTN: Secretary Aida Camacho-Welch.

Customers may also file written comments with the Secretary of the Board of Public Utilities at 44 South Clinton Avenue, Third Floor, Suite 314, P.O. Box 350, Trenton, NJ 08625-0350 ATTN: Secretary Aida Camacho-Welch whether or not they attend the public hearings. To review PSE&G's rate filing, visit <u>http://www.pseg.com/pseandgfilings</u>.

Table #1 – Residential Gas Service					
If Your Annual Therm Use Is:	And Your Monthly Winter Therm Use Is:	Then Your Present Monthly Winter Bill (1) Would Be:	And Your Proposed Monthly Winter Bill (2) Would Be:	Your Monthly Winter Bill Change Would Be:	And Your Monthly Percent Change Would Be:
180	25	\$26.06	\$25.80	(\$0.26)	(1.00)%
360	50	46.30	45.77	(0.53)	(1.14)
610	100	88.48	87.61	(0.87)	(0.98)
1,010	165	142.23	140.79	(1.44)	(1.01)
1,198	196	167.90	166.19	(1.71)	(1.02)
1,224	200	171.18	169.43	(1.75)	(1.02)
1,836	300	253.84	251.21	(2.63)	(1.04)

Table #1 – Residential Gas Service

(1) Based upon current Delivery Rates and Basic Gas Supply Service (BGSS-RSG) in effect June 1, 2018, and assumes that the customer receives commodity service from Public Service.

(2) Same as (1) except includes the proposed change in BGSS-RSG and Balancing Charge.

		Self-Implementing 5% Increases		
lf Your Annual Therm Use Is:	And Your Monthly Winter Therm Use Is:	December 1, 2018 Monthly Winter Change Would Be:	February 1, 2019 Monthly Winter Change Would Be:	
180	25	\$1.28	\$1.28	
360	50	2.56	2.56	
610	100	5.30	5.30	
1,010	165	8.75	8.75	
1,198	196	10.39	10.39	
1,224	200	10.60	10.60	
1,836	300	15.91	15.90	

Table #2 – Residential Gas Service

