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January 31, 2025

Sherri L. Golden, Board Secretary
Office of the Secretary
NJ Board of Public Utilities
44 South Clinton Avenue
P.O. Box 350
Trenton, NJ 08625-0350**RE: In the Matter of the Establishment of a Universal Service Fund Pursuant to Section 12 of the Electric Discount and Energy Competition Act of 1999, Docket No. EX00020091****In the Matter of the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities' Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic, Docket No. AO20060471**

Dear Secretary Golden:

Attached is (i) the quarterly USF/Lifeline report for billings, remittances, customer credits, and clearinghouse receipts and (ii) the quarterly Utility USF Reporting related to the activity through December 31, 2024.

The USF/Lifeline reporting is in accordance with the Board of Public Utilities' ("Board") Order dated July 16, 2003 in Docket No. EX00020091

The Utility USF Reporting is in accordance with the Board's Orders dated April 30, 2003 and June 30, 2004 in Docket No. EX00020091. The Utility USF Reporting specifications were developed by the USF Working Group consisting of the State's seven Electric and Gas Utilities, APPRISE Inc., The Ratepayer Advocate, State Agencies, and other interested parties.

This submission also includes the updated reporting requirements included in the Board's Order dated July 29, 2023 in Docket No. AO20060471.

Please do not hesitate to contact me, should you have any questions.

Respectfully,



Cindy Capozzoli

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SOUTH JERSEY GAS
USF/ Lifeline Billing and Remittance Summary

	USF			Lifeline			Total USF / Lifeline Billing	USF		Lifeline			Total USF/Lifeline Remittance
	Therms Billed	Rate	Billing	Therms Billed	Rate	Billing		Remittance	Date	Remittance	Check No.	Date	
Oct-24	23,020,753	\$0.0164	\$ 376,518	23,020,753	\$0.0053	\$ 122,150	\$498,667	\$376,518	11/8/24	\$122,150	Wire	11/8/24	\$498,667
Nov-24	31,174,816	\$0.0195	\$ 607,677	31,174,816	\$0.0054	\$ 167,208	\$774,885	\$607,677	12/9/24	\$167,208	Wire	12/9/24	\$774,885
Dec-24	62,674,006	\$0.0197	\$ 1,236,217	62,674,006	\$0.0054	\$ 341,067	\$1,577,283	\$1,236,217	1/9/25	\$341,067	Wire	1/9/25	\$1,577,283
Jan-25	\$0.0000	\$ -	-	0	\$0.0000	\$ -	\$0	\$0	1/0/00	\$0	Wire	1/0/00	\$0
Feb-25	\$0.0000	\$ -	-	0	\$0.0000	\$ -	\$0	\$0	1/0/00	\$0	Wire	1/0/00	\$0
Mar-25	\$0.0000	\$ -	-	0	\$0.0000	\$ -	\$0	\$0	1/0/00	\$0	Wire	1/0/00	\$0
Apr-25	\$0.0000	\$ -	-	0	\$0.0000	\$ -	\$0	\$0	1/0/00	\$0	Wire	1/0/00	\$0
May-25	\$0.0000	\$ -	-	0	\$0.0000	\$ -	\$0	\$0	1/0/00	\$0	Wire	1/0/00	\$0
Jun-25	\$0.0000	\$ -	-	0	\$0.0000	\$ -	\$0	\$0	1/0/00	\$0	Wire	1/0/00	\$0
Jul-25	\$0.0000	\$ -	-	0	\$0.0000	\$ -	\$0	\$0	1/0/00	\$0	Wire	1/0/00	\$0
Aug-25	\$0.0000	\$ -	-	0	\$0.0000	\$ -	\$0	\$0	1/0/00	\$0	Wire	1/0/00	\$0
Sep-25	\$0.0000	\$ -	-	0	\$0.0000	\$ -	\$0	\$0	1/0/00	\$0	Wire	1/0/00	\$0
Total	116,869,575		\$2,220,411	116,869,575		\$630,424	\$2,850,835	\$2,220,411		\$630,424			\$2,850,835

* Billing at the tariff rate yields the dollars recovered, inclusive of rate proration, if any. The rate presented is derived from dividing that amount by the therms, as such rounding differences to the tariff / billing rate may result.

SOUTH JERSEY GAS
Calculation of USF Under / (Over) Recovery

	<u>USF Credits Issued</u>	<u>FreshStart Forgiveness</u>	<u>USF Funds Received From Clearinghouse Amount</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Under (Over) Recovery</u>
September 2024 Cumulative (Over)/Under Recovered Ending Balance					\$ 2,851,499
Oct-24	\$ 690,902	\$ 300,484	\$ (200,889)	Oct-24	\$ 790,497
Nov-24	\$ 473,955	\$ 262,423	\$ (207,432)	Nov-24	\$ 528,945
Dec-24	\$ 496,083	\$ 248,436	\$ (475,059)	Dec-24	\$ 269,460
Jan-25	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	Jan-25	\$ -
Feb-25	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	Feb-25	\$ -
Mar-25	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	Mar-25	\$ -
Apr-25	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	Apr-25	\$ -
May-25	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	May-25	\$ -
Jun-25	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	Jun-25	\$ -
Jul-25	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	Jul-25	\$ -
Aug-25	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	Aug-25	\$ -
Sep-25	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	Sep-25	\$ -
Total	\$ 1,660,940	\$ 811,342	\$ (883,380)		\$ 4,440,401

SOUTH JERSEY GAS COMPANY
USF Carrying Costs on Benefits and Administrative Costs

a	Beginning Balance b	Customer Credits c	Administration Costs d	Clearinghouse Receipts e	Ending Balance f=b+c+d+e	Average Balance g=(b+f)/2	USF Interest Rate * h	Carrying Cost * i=g*(h/12)	Ending Balance ** plus Cumulative Interest j=f+ cum of i <small>(Over) / Under</small>
Oct-24	\$2,914,167	\$991,386	\$0	(\$200,889)	\$3,704,664	\$2,379,139	4.21%	\$8,347	\$3,713,011
Nov-24	\$3,704,664	\$736,377	(\$35,369)	(\$207,432)	\$4,198,240	\$2,840,699	4.81%	\$11,386	\$4,209,626
Dec-24	\$4,198,240	\$744,519	\$19,991	(\$475,059)	\$4,487,691	\$3,122,158	4.77%	\$12,411	\$4,500,101
Jan-25	\$4,487,691	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$4,487,691	\$3,226,201	0.00%	\$0	\$4,487,691
Feb-25	\$4,487,691	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$4,487,691	\$3,226,201	0.00%	\$0	\$4,487,691
Mar-25	\$4,487,691	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$4,487,691	\$3,226,201	0.00%	\$0	\$4,487,691
Apr-25	\$4,487,691	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$4,487,691	\$3,226,201	0.00%	\$0	\$4,487,691
May-25	\$4,487,691	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$4,487,691	\$3,226,201	0.00%	\$0	\$4,487,691
Jun-25	\$4,487,691	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$4,487,691	\$3,226,201	0.00%	\$0	\$4,487,691
Jul-25	\$4,487,691	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$4,487,691	\$3,226,201	0.00%	\$0	\$4,487,691
Aug-25	\$4,487,691	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$4,487,691	\$3,226,201	0.00%	\$0	\$4,487,691
Sep-25	\$4,487,691	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$4,487,691	\$3,226,201	0.00%	\$0	\$4,487,691
Total		\$2,472,282	(\$15,378)	(\$883,380)				\$32,144	\$4,487,691

* Effective October 24, 2008 the Interest Rate changed to a two year constant maturity Treasuries on the first day of each month, or the closest day thereafter on which rates are published, plus sixty basis points, on an after tax basis, but shall not exceed the overall rate of return for each utility as authorized by the Board per Board Order in Docket No. ER08060455 dated October 21, 2008.
www.federalreserve.gov/releases/h15/

** Presented to show the net (Over) / Under Recovery Position, not used in calculating monthly carrying costs.

SOUTH JERSEY GAS COMPANY
USF Detail of Credits Issued to Customers

	<u>USF/Lifeline Credits Issued</u>	<u>Manual Utility Portability Adjustments</u>	<u>Fresh Start Forgiveness</u>	<u>Total Credits Issued</u>
Oct-24	\$690,902	\$0	\$300,484	\$991,386
Nov-24	\$473,955	\$0	\$262,423	\$736,377
Dec-24	\$496,083	\$0	\$248,436	\$744,519
Jan-25	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Feb-25	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Mar-25	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Apr-25	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
May-25	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Jun-25	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Jul-25	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Aug-25	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Sep-25	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total	<u>\$1,660,940</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$811,342</u>	<u>\$2,472,282</u>

SOUTH JERSEY GAS COMPANY
Incremental Administration Costs

	Advertising	Other	Customer *Mailings	USF- Related Systems Changes	Total Costs
Oct-24	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Nov-24	\$0	\$0	(\$35,369)	\$0	(\$35,369)
Dec-24	\$0	\$0	\$19,991	\$0	\$19,991
Jan-25	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Feb-25	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Mar-25	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Apr-25	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
May-25	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Jun-25	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Jul-25	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Aug-25	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Sep-25	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	\$0	\$0	(\$15,378)	\$0	(\$15,378)

* November 2024 included reimbursement of administration costs for the July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024 period pursuant to Board Order ER24070486

SOUTH JERSEY GAS COMPANY

Utility USF Report

	Oct-24	Nov-24	Dec-24	Total dollars Average Customers
1 Number of USF customers (Active @ Month End)	21,306	18,515	18,976	19,599
Amount and distribution of				
2 Monthly USF benefits				
# Customers				
\$0 to \$25	\$94,150 12,158	\$90,875 12,134	\$92,433 12,307	\$277,458 12,200
\$26 to 50	\$138,749 3,753	\$110,033 2,994	\$113,838 3,097	\$362,619 3,281
\$51 to \$75	\$155,919 2,532	\$111,660 1,815	\$116,668 1,897	\$384,247 2,081
\$76 to 100	\$131,392 1,521	\$80,166 927	\$84,097 973	\$295,655 1,140
\$101 to \$125	\$85,499 770	\$45,486 410	\$48,824 440	\$179,809 540
\$126 to \$150	\$50,330 370	\$25,101 185	\$26,782 197	\$102,213 251
greater than \$150	\$54,274 320	\$27,172 160	\$28,748 169	\$110,194 216
total	\$710,312 21,424	\$490,492 18,625	\$511,390 19,080	\$1,712,194 19,710
Amount and distribution of				
3 Arrearage Forgiveness- dollars				
# Customers				
0 to 25	\$24,569 1,499	\$18,424 1,091	\$15,078 842	\$58,071 1,144
26 to 50	\$49,858 1,072	\$38,228 864	\$36,714 752	\$124,800 896
51 to 75	\$48,921 625	\$40,082 556	\$38,021 474	\$127,024 552
76 to 100	\$36,897 341	\$31,957 312	\$30,067 289	\$98,921 314
101 to 200	\$82,235 491	\$79,405 475	\$75,025 449	\$236,665 472
\$201 to \$300	\$22,997 88	\$25,903 93	\$29,987 95	\$78,887 92
\$301 to \$400	\$12,916 33	\$16,300 42	\$12,841 30	\$42,057 35
\$401 to \$500	\$6,095 13	\$5,810 12	\$4,437 10	\$16,342 12
\$501 to \$1000	\$6,075 5	\$1,192 2	\$6,265 9	\$13,532 5
\$1001 to \$2001	\$4,937 3	\$2,698 2	\$0 -	\$7,635 2
\$2001 to \$3000	\$4,984 2	\$2,424 1	\$0 -	\$7,408 1
\$3001 to \$4000	\$0 -	\$0 -	\$0 -	\$0 -
\$4001 to \$5000	\$0 -	\$0 -	\$0 -	\$0 -
greater than 5000	\$0 -	\$0 -	\$0 -	\$0 -
Total	\$300,484 4,172	\$262,423 3,450	\$248,436 2,950	\$811,342 3,524

SOUTH JERSEY GAS COMPANY Utility USF Report

Distribution of full retail bills-
4 dollars

# Customers					
	<i>0 to \$50</i>	\$465,804	\$289,898	\$93,479	\$849,181
		17,526	9,274	3,111	9,970
	<i>\$51 to \$100</i>	\$232,273	\$540,435	\$437,216	\$1,209,924
		3,473	7,678	5,743	5,631
	<i>\$101 to \$150</i>	\$55,261	\$204,171	\$636,822	\$896,253
		467	1,721	5,143	2,444
	<i>\$151 to \$200</i>	\$18,263	\$48,744	\$502,504	\$569,511
		107	288	2,925	1,107
	<i>201 to 250</i>	\$3,556	\$11,524	\$290,356	\$305,437
		16	53	1,308	459
	<i>250 plus</i>	\$10,291	\$10,869	\$330,896	\$352,056
		21	31	1,049	367
	Total	\$785,449	\$1,105,641	\$2,291,273	\$4,182,363
		21,610	19,045	19,279	19,978
5	Number of participants terminated for nonpayment	118	110	105	111
6	Number of customers participating in Fresh Start	6,843	6,723	6,553	6,706
7	Fresh Start dollars potentially forgivable	\$307,402	\$293,618	\$282,817	\$883,837