

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR INCORPORATED COUNTY OF LOS ALAMOS CODE ORDINANCE NO. 02-329
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 40, ARTICLE III, SECTIONS 40-151 AND 40-152 OF THE CODE OF THE
INCORPORATED COUNTY OF LOS ALAMOS PERTAINING TO THE GAS SERVICE RATE SCHEDULE**

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Public Utilities (BPU), Incorporated County of Los Alamos, State of New Mexico, will hold a public hearing on July 20, 2022, at 5:30 p.m. via Zoom (<https://ladpu.com/ratehearing>). At this open meeting, the BPU will consider and receive public comment on Los Alamos County Code Ordinance No. 02-329. A full copy of the ordinance is available for inspection during regular business hours at the Department of Public Utilities at 1000 Central Avenue, Suite 130 or online at <https://ladpu.com/Gas-Proposed>. Supporting documents are available at <https://ladpu.com/rates>. Interested citizens are encouraged to attend this public hearing.

By: /s/ Cornell Wright, Board of Public Utilities Chair

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE INCORPORATED COUNTY OF LOS ALAMOS:

Section 1. Section 40-151 of the Code of the Incorporated County of Los Alamos is amended to read, as follows:

Sec. 40-151. Gas rate schedules 7A and 7E.

- (a) *Residential service schedule 7A.* The residential rate applies to customers in a single dwelling or in a single dwelling unit of a multiple dwelling or apartment for domestic purposes only.
- (b) *General commercial and industrial service schedule 7E.* The commercial and industrial rate applies to customers for use in or in connection with any commercial, business or industrial activities, including multiple dwelling units where service for more than one unit is taken through a master meter, and to other customers not otherwise specifically falling within another class.
- (c) *Service charge.*
 - (1) Per meter rated 250 CFH or less: \$9.50 per month through September 30, 2022; \$10.26 per month after September 30, 2022; \$11.08 per month after September 30, 2023; \$11.97 per month after September 30, 2024; \$12.57 per month after September 30, 2025.
 - (2) Per meter rated more than 250 CFH: \$28.50 per month through September 30, 2022; \$30.78 after September 30, 2022; \$33.24 per month after September 30, 2023; \$35.90 per month after September 30, 2024; \$37.70 per month after September 30, 2025.
- (d) *Gas consumption charge.*
 - (1) The gas consumption charge for schedules 7A and 7E shall be made up of two components: fixed cost recovery and a variable cost of gas component. The fixed cost recovery shall be \$0.23 per therm (one therm is equal to 100,000 British Thermal Units (BTU)) through September 30, 2022; \$0.25 after September 30, 2022; \$0.27 after September 30, 2023; \$0.29 after September 30, 2024; \$0.30 after September 30, 2025. The variable cost of gas rate shall be calculated each month based on the projected cost of gas for the billing month plus an adjustment for any prior over or under collection for gas purchases and/or gas transportation costs.
 - (2) The projected cost of gas shall be at the rate as stated on the San Juan Index or any recognized index that may replace the San Juan Index.
 - (3) Should the variable cost of gas exceed \$0.99 per therm, the billed rate to consumers shall not reflect the cost of gas over that amount until the rate is approved by an ordinance of the council.

Section 2. Section 40-152 of the Code of the Incorporated County of Los Alamos is amended to read, as follows:

Sec. 40-152. Gas rate schedules 7L and 7N.

- (a) *Applicability.*
 - (1) Schedule 7L: Interdepartmental service—Incorporated County of Los Alamos.
 - (2) Schedule 7N: Schools service—Los Alamos public schools.
- (b) *Service charge.*
 - (1) Per meter rated 250 CFH or less: \$9.50 per month through September 30, 2022; \$10.26 per month after September 30, 2022; \$11.08 per month after September 30, 2023; \$11.97 per month after September 30, 2024; \$12.57 per month after September 30, 2025.
 - (2) Per meter rated more than 250 CFH: \$28.50 per month through September 30, 2022; \$30.78 after September 30, 2022; \$33.24 per month after September 30, 2023; \$35.90 per month after September 30, 2024; \$37.70 per month after September 30, 2025.
- (c) *Gas consumption charge.*
 - (1) The gas consumption charge for schedules 7L and 7N shall be made up of two components: fixed cost recovery and a variable cost of gas component. The fixed cost recovery shall be \$0.20 per therm (one therm is equal to 100,000 British Thermal Units (BTU)) through September 30, 2022; \$0.22 after September 30, 2022; \$0.24 after September 30, 2023; \$0.26 after September 30, 2024; \$0.27 after September 30, 2025. The variable cost of gas rate shall be calculated each month based on the projected cost of gas for the billing month plus an adjustment for any prior over or under collection for gas purchases and/or gas transportation costs.
 - (2) The projected cost of gas shall be at the rate as stated on the San Juan Index or any recognized index that may replace the San Juan Index.
 - (3) Should the variable cost of gas exceed \$0.99 per therm the billed rate to consumers shall not reflect the cost of gas over that amount until the rate is approved by an ordinance of the council.

Section 3. Effective Date. This ordinance shall become effective upon adoption with the amended rates being applied at the next billing following the effective date of the ordinance.