

WEST CHESTER TOWNSHIP RENEWS ITS NATURAL GAS PROGRAM

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WEST CHESTER TOWNSHIP, OHIO (January 23, 2008) — West Chester Township is pleased to announce the continuation of their Natural Gas Aggregation Program for another two-year period. Residents and businesses within the township limits can participate in the natural gas aggregation program that voters approved by a large margin in November 2005. Residents and small businesses currently in the program and those presently supplied gas by Duke Energy (Duke) will soon receive a notice in the mail informing them of the favorable rates and terms and conditions that were negotiated on their behalf. There is no action needed to participate, you will be automatically enrolled free of charge. Anyone wishing not to participate will need to “opt-out” of the program. That can be done during a 21-day period by returning the enclosed reply card or calling the township’s natural gas supplier Interstate Gas Supply (IGS).

According to Judi Boyko, the West Chester Township Administrator “We have always said that there are no guarantees of savings with these programs, but we believe in the concept of group buying. We are pleased with the success of our program to date and think we have negotiated an even better rate for the next two years. We were also successful in negotiating the right for any customer to leave the program free of charge at any time for any reason.”

Douglas Austin, Vice President of IGS said, “Residents should look for information packets to arrive in their homes in the coming weeks. The packet will explain the price, terms and conditions and also the means to opt-out if anyone wishes not to participate. Our monthly rates for the shoppable gas cost portion of your bill in the past 2 years ranged from a low of \$0.694/Ccf to a high of \$0.953/Ccf. These prices were lower than Duke Energy’s comparable gas cost in most months, and lower than what a resident could find by shopping on their own. We are pleased to continue to serve the residents and businesses of West Chester and are standing by to answer any questions you might have.”

The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO) has established rules for participation in Ohio’s Customer Choice Programs. In order to participate in the township’s program residents must be in good credit standing with Duke, cannot be part of the utility’s Percentage of Income Payment Program (PIPP), cannot be classified as a mercantile customer (uses more than 5,000 CCF/year) and must not have already chosen another natural gas supplier.

Residents and businesses that are currently served by other suppliers are not automatically included, but may join the Township’s program by calling IGS. You should be aware of the obligations in your existing contracts before joining as many suppliers charge a penalty for early termination. Residents should contact IGS toll free at 1 800-280-4474 if they have any questions.