

**DO NOT DISCARD:** Important Natural Gas Aggregation Information Enclosed.



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Dear Resident or Small Business:

In November 2011, City of Cincinnati voters authorized the creation of a natural gas aggregation program (the "Program") that allows the City to negotiate natural gas purchases on behalf of its citizens. Constellation NewEnergy-Gas Division, LLC ("Constellation") has again been chosen as the Program supplier. In 2016, the Program saved participating Cincinnati residents and small businesses a total of \$2.1 million dollars, as compared to the Standard Service Offer from Duke Energy during that period of time.

As an eligible resident or small business, you will be automatically enrolled in the Program unless you opt-out by **October 2, 2017**. Your service is estimated to begin with your October 2017 meter read. Your actual start date will depend on both your meter read cycle and when your local utility accepts your enrollment.

#### How You Benefit

By enrolling in the Program you have the following rate options. It's important to note that you may cancel at any time with no fee:

Through September, 2020 (October, 2020 billing cycle) your price will be the NYMEX close on the 24th day of the month for the applicable gas flow month plus a fixed adder, which means that your natural gas price will vary monthly based on the New York Mercantile Exchange price for natural gas plus \$0.1217 per ccf. In addition, Constellation will pay an administrative fee of \$0.009 per ccf to the City of Cincinnati. The administrative fee is included in your rate. The rate may be converted to a fixed rate if the City determines that market conditions are favorable. If the rate is fixed at any point, you will receive notification of the rate and the duration of the price lock. To enroll in this option, you do not need to take any action.

**Senior Citizen Discount**: Residents age 65 or older participating in the aggregation program will receive a discount of \$0.01 per ccf off the price outlined above or any applicable fixed rate. **To receive the discount, you must call (844) 830-3336.** 

**Enhanced Natural Gas**: If you want natural gas combined with carbon offsets sourced from projects that reduce carbon emissions and support the sourcing of gas from renewable resources, please see the enclosed flyer from the City for more information.

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# **ENROLLMENT NOTICE**

September 11, 2017

### Important things to remember

• Call **(844) 830-3336** if you have any questions. Representatives are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

• If you do nothing, you will automatically be enrolled in the aggregation program.

• Billing and utility service will not change. Duke Energy – Ohio will continue to send monthly bills, respond to outages, and deliver your natural gas.

• No one from the City of Cincinnati will come to your door to ask you to switch to a new supplier. Anyone who does is not with the aggregation program.

### **Billing / Service Delivery Unchanged**

Other than the price and supplier, nothing regarding your natural gas service will change. You will continue to receive one monthly bill from Duke Energy – Ohio. Duke will continue to deliver your natural gas and be responsible for maintaining the system that delivers natural gas to your home or business.

#### **Tax Exempt Customers**

Tax exempt customers should send their most recent tax exempt certificate on or before October 2, 2017 to: Constellation NewEnergy-Gas Division, LLC, 1716 Lawrence Drive, De Pere, WI 54115 or fax to (443)213-6120.

Be sure to note "City of Cincinnati Aggregation Program" and your utility account number on the certificate. Constellation will not charge sales tax beginning with the date the certificate is received.

#### **Enrollment Information**

After your enrollment is finalized, Duke Energy – Ohio will send you a letter confirming your enrollment. As required by law, this letter will inform you of your ability to rescind your enrollment without penalty.

#### How to Opt-Out

If you do not wish to participate, you must opt-out no later than October 2, 2017 by any one of the following methods:

- Detach and return the Notification of Intent to Opt-Out in the envelope provided (postmarked by the above date),
- · Call Constellation toll-free at (844) 830-3336,
- · Or opt-out online at www.constellation.com/oh-cincinnati.

Additionally, you will receive written notice of your ability to opt-out of the Natural Gas Aggregation Program at least every two (2) years, although you can opt-out of the program at any time by calling Constellation at (844) 830-3336.

If you have questions, please refer to the Frequently Asked Questions on our website at www.constellation.com/oh-cincinnati or contact Constellation toll-free at (844) 830-3336. Customer service representatives are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Sincerely,

Constellation NewEnergy - Gas Division, LLC

Enclosure: Program Terms and Conditions (See Section 1 for a further explanation of eligibility); Informational sheet re: renewable energy.

The rate provided will not include taxes, Duke distribution or other Duke fees, charges or credits. If you are already enrolled with another natural gas supplier, a cancellation fee may apply to end your agreement with that supplier. The General Terms and Conditions govern your participation in the Program. If you have additional questions about this offer, contact Constellation. Ohio Supplier License #10-186G(4).

# GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

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# IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY OR SERVICE INTERRUPTION, CONTACT YOUR UTILITY AT:



September 11, 2017

Dear Cincinnatian:

The City of Cincinnati recently negotiated a contract with Constellation NewEnergy - Gas Division, LLC to be the natural gas supplier for the City's gas aggregation program, originally authorized by Cincinnati voters in 2011. The program has already saved Cincinnati residents and small business participants all together millions of dollars by allowing the City to negotiate a group price for natural gas supply, while continuing the convenience of receiving one combined bill from Duke Energy for gas.

You do not need to take any action in order to continue to receive the benefits of the aggregation program.

However, for the first time, the City of Cincinnati is able to provide you with a new enhancement to

the program, allowing you to choose to participate in Constellation's ecovations program, utilizing

carbon offsets generated from biogas sources such as landfills or farms. Not only does reduce or remove greenhouse gas that would otherwise be released into the ozone, it also reduces our reliance on sources of natural gas that are captured through mining methods such as fracking. This makes Cincinnati the first city in the country with aggregation programs to offer participants the option of natural gas matched 100% with carbon offsets, as well as 100% renewable electricity sourced from wind resources located throughout the U.S., through two separate aggregation programs. If you are also a participant in the City's electric aggregation program, by choosing this enhanced natural gas option, you can meet your home's energy needs through 100% carbon free sources.

To take advantage of this enhanced service, fill out and return the enclosed opt-in mailer. You will receive periodic updates on the measurable, positive impact your participation is having on the City's carbon footprint. If you opt to participate, you will be charged an additional \$0.0285 per 100 cubic feet (ccf) of natural gas used. For a residential household, the average additional cost is \$2.00 per month. By receiving this enhanced natural gas you will prevent the CO2 equivalent of burning almost 5,000 lbs of coal and achieve a carbon footprint reduction of 825 pounds of CO2e per month. Again, this enhancement is optional, and you will need to opt to participate.

To participate in the enhanced gas program, complete and return the enclosed postcard, marked Cincinnati Enhanced Gas or call (844) 830-3336. Reminder you will pay an additional \$0.0285 per ccf by participating.

Thank you for helping Cincinnati in efforts to become the country's greenest city.

Sincerely,

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Harry Black City Manager

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