



Natural Gas and Electricity News

With the heating season approaching there's the usual question of from whom should you buy your natural gas?

It is recommended that you do not take a fixed rate for this winter. Fixed rate offers are too high compared to variable rates which should remain comparatively low for the duration of the winter. Buying your gas directly from Dominion East Ohio, the original gas company, at their monthly variable rate is recommended.

At all times it is important to remember that any mail you receive about natural gas or electricity IS NOT JUNK MAIL. It might be a good offer or news you need to know. If you receive a letter from your current gas supplier about your future service read it carefully. There is a very real possibility the offer is too high.

If you are buying your natural gas from NOPEC the City suggests that you call them and ask to be put on their variable rate. The number is 888-848-7914.

A vital rule of thumb is that you should NEVER sign up for a natural gas plan that has an early termination fee that is more than \$25. Only fixed rates carry early termination fees.

Another important reminder is that there is a huge difference between the original gas company, Dominion East Ohio, and its subsidiaries, Dominion East Ohio Energy and Dominion Retail. The latter companies are not the same as Dominion East Ohio and have very different rates.

Regarding electricity, on the first page of your bill from the Illuminating Company you should see the words, "NOPEC/First Energy Solutions." If you do you are receiving a small discount. If you don't, call NOPEC at 800-292-9284. Do not be concerned if you have an all-electric home discount. This will be an added 4% savings.

To get answers to all your gas and electricity questions come to an information meeting on Thursday, September 23 at 7:00 pm at the Human Services Center.

