

The Buckeye Newsletter

Natural Gas Renewal Approved by Board

Buckeye Energy Brokers would like to extend its appreciation to the Board of trustees. We are enthusiastic about renewing the natural gas “opt-out” aggregation program and look forward to working with Township Administrator **Walt Celley**. We are fortunate to have his generosity and attention for the program. His assistance will be invaluable as we move forward. A special “Thank You” goes

out to members of the Board **Gary Britten, Robert Mack and Craig LaHote** for their support of the natural gas aggregation program.

We will be working hard to get the best possible future pricing, terms and conditions for the residents and small businesses of the township. Many residents have called and expressed interest in the natural gas program so far with over

2,400 are currently enrolled. Local businesses too large for this program can contact us directly for a separate pricing for their natural gas needs. Feel free to reach us at (330) 730-4338 with any questions or concerns. I greatly appreciate the opportunity you have provided.

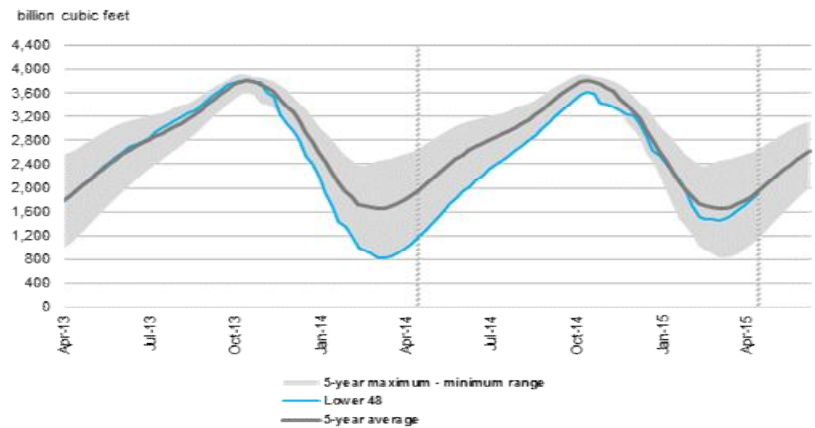
- Thomas M. Bellish,
President

Storage Report Showing Increased Volumes

Working gas in storage was 1,897 Bcf as of Friday, May 8, 2015, according to EIA estimates. This represents a net increase of 111 Bcf from the previous week. Stocks were 752 Bcf higher than last year at this time and 38 Bcf below the 5-year average of 1,935 Bcf. In the East Region, stocks were 150 Bcf below the 5-year average following net injections of 59 Bcf. Stocks in the Producing Region were 45 Bcf above the 5-year average of 789 Bcf after a net

injection of 44 Bcf. Stocks in the West Region were 68 Bcf above the 5-year average after a net addition of 8 Bcf. At 1,897 Bcf, total working gas is within the 5-year historical range.

Working gas in underground storage compared with the 5-year maximum and minimum



Source: U.S. Energy Information Administration

Pricing Update: New Agreement Provides Opportunity

With pricing at its lowest levels in seven years, the township can take advantage of the low pricing for the next two year using an opt-out program with Volunteer Energy. We predict variable prices to remain at today’s levels for quite some time. We look forward to keeping the township posted on the pricing of natural gas futures.



FAQs About the Natural Gas Program, Billing and Switching

What is "Opt-Out" Natural Gas Aggregation?

A buying group where eligible members are automatically included unless they "opt-out." The rate, terms and conditions are negotiated by Buckeye Energy Brokers and agreed to and endorsed by the community for the benefit of its residents. Residents are notified by mail about program details.



charges, and other terms and conditions of enrollment in the program. The opt-out notice is usually a letter accompanied by a post card to be mailed back if you do not want to participate or sometimes, a phone number to call or web site to visit to opt-out. The supplier must allow anyone enrolled in the program an opportunity to opt-out every two years without paying a switching fee.

What Do I Need to Know About the Ballot Question?

The township placed a question about opt-out natural gas aggregation on the November 7, 2006 ballot. The question asked residents to approve a plan to enter into negotiations with various natural gas suppliers. The issue passed, so the township is now au-

thorized to write a plan of operation and hold at least two public hearings to allow residents to voice any concerns over the proposed plan. Once the plan is adopted, each customer to be aggregated must be notified that they will be automatically enrolled in the program unless they specifically elect not to participate. This notification must also state the rates,

When Will the Account Be Switched?

Once the township is certified by the PUCO and a deal is finalized residents will be notified. It is expected to be at least September 2015 before billing changes for new customers entering the program this term.

FAQs About Eligibility

Who is Eligible to Participate?

All governmental and residential account holders in community. All commercial account holders in community <20,000 Ccf per year usage regardless of whether they are under contract with another supplier.

Percentage of Income Payment Plan participants are not eligible under the township's aggregation program. They are aggregated under a separate program administered by the State of Ohio.

What If I'm Moving Into the Community?

You may not receive a program offer notice. Please contact the supplier

(Volunteer Energy) and know the terms and conditions of any existing contracts.

What If I'm Moving Out of the Community?

You may terminate the agreement for free if moving out of the community.

Will I Receive Enrollment Information in the Mail?

Yes. A Letter will be mailed with new pricing, terms and conditions. Customers can call to enroll in the program.

FAQs About Program Benefits

What Are the Benefits of an Natural Gas Aggregation Program with Buckeye Energy Brokers?

We can offer a wide array of program structures and will tailor a solution to meet your needs. Whether is it's a

fixed price, variable price, combination or percent-off type program, we are sure it will be the best offer at the time.

Participants can rest assured knowing that the program is administered by a PUCO certified energy expert and the

program does not use taxpayer money. We only benefit when customers remain in the program. We can also provide energy buying consulting for the governmental accounts and would be happy to acquire price estimates for those accounts.