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Dear Cincinnati:

The City of Cincinnati 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. In 2017 and 2018, the Program saved participating Cincinnati residents and small businesses a total of \$2.5 million, as compared to the Standard Service Offer from Duke Energy during that period of time. This was accomplished by allowing the City to negotiate a group price for natural gas supply, while you continue 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, the City of Cincinnati is able to provide you with enhancement to the program, allowing you to significantly reduce your carbon footprint. Through this program, Constellation will purchase carbon credits generated from renewable natural gas sources such as landfills or farms to offset CO2 emissions associated with your home's or business' natural gas use. Not only does this option 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 new program makes Cincinnati the first city in the country with aggregation programs to offer participants the option of 100% carbon free energy through both its natural gas and electricity programs.

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.

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

Sincerely,

Patrick Duhaney
Acting City Manager