



## Mount Vernon

*An Innovative Community; Authentically Hometown*

### **City Changes Natural Gas Aggregation Supplier**

*Service Was Switched to IGS Energy Earlier This Year*

MOUNT VERNON, Oct. 8, 2021 – With another heating season on the horizon, Mount Vernon residents once again have options available to them to save money via the City's natural gas aggregation program.

Earlier this year, Dominion Energy Solutions, the previous natural gas aggregation supplier for the City, entered into a joint venture with IGS Energy, a leading natural gas supplier in Ohio since 1989, making IGS Energy the new gas supplier for the City for the 2021-22 heating season. Residents who are interested in receiving their gas from this supplier can call Buckeye Energy Brokers toll-free at 866-302-2237 Monday-Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Participants in the City's natural gas aggregation program are still charged a variable rate, but it's 10 percent lower than the Columbia Gas Standard Choice Offer (SCO) rate, which is adjusted monthly based on natural gas market prices. This rate will be in effect through March 2022.

Columbia Gas of Ohio continues to be responsible for ensuring the distribution of natural gas to residential premises and continues to maintain the meter, monthly reads and pipelines that deliver natural gas to residents' homes. Residents' natural gas bills also continue to come from Columbia Gas. The only changes residents see are the savings and the name of their new supplier, IGS Energy, on their bills.

Mount Vernon voters approved this governmental program, in which residents gain group-buying power for the purchase of natural gas and electricity from a retail supplier licensed by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, in November 2008. Periodically, the City collects competitive bids to decide on a supplier for the subsequent cycle.

Meanwhile, the City's aggregation program for electricity is continuing. Last spring, following a competitive bid process administered by the City's consultant, Buckeye Energy Brokers, the City selected Energy Harbor's fixed generation price of 4.69 cents/kWh, which was applied to customers' bills beginning in July 2021. This rate is locked in through December 2025.

Residents who aren't already participating in the City's electric aggregation program may do so by calling Energy Harbor toll-free at 866-636-3749 Monday-Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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#### **ABOUT THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON:**

The City of Mount Vernon is an innovative community with an authentic hometown feel. Home to 17,000 people, Mount Vernon is the county seat for Knox County and boasts historic buildings and districts as well as business and professional, educational, and recreational opportunities through many adaptive reuses of the community's infrastructure and spaces. Specific attractions are the historic Woodward Opera House, the Knox County Memorial Building and Theater, and the 250-acre Ariel~Foundation Park adjacent to the state scenic Kokosing River. The City has strong ties to higher education, with Mount Vernon Nazarene University, Kenyon College, and Central Ohio Technical College operating

satellite locations in the historic downtown. Located 40 miles northeast of Columbus, Mount Vernon is near the geographic center of Ohio and has connections all over the globe.

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