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Do You Need Help this Winter? - Energy Assistance
Information is Available from WMGLD

(Wakefield, MA) - The Wakefield Municipal Gas and Light Department (WMGLD) has produced a brochure for its customers that outlines the energy assistance programs and services that are available to customers who need help in paying their home heating bills.

The brochure, which is available at the WMGLD business office and online at www.wmgld.com, includes information about 2012 fuel assistance and weatherization programs for low-income residents, the Good Neighbor Energy Fund for those in temporary crisis, and the Citizens Energy oil heat and natural gas programs. The informational material contains income eligibility guidelines, application information, and contact information, including telephone numbers and website addresses.

The income guidelines for the 2012 Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) is set at 60% of the estimated state median income, and range from \$31,218 for a family of one to \$60,035 for a family of four. Income guidelines for the Good Neighbor Energy Fund must fall between 60 to 80% of the state's median income, and range from \$31,218 to \$41,624 for an individual, to \$60,035 to \$80,047 for a family of four.

The brochure also provides information about Community Services Network, Inc. for low- and moderate-income residents who need additional services, and the WMGLD

Home Energy Loss Prevention Services (HELPS) program, which is available to residential customers, regardless of income. This latter program promotes energy conservation through rebates and incentives.

“We realize that even those who work hard to keep their homes energy-efficient may still have difficulty paying their energy bills this winter,” WMGLD General Manager Peter Dion said. “This brochure will help them determine if they are eligible for any of these programs and who they can call for more information.”

“We encourage customers who think they may be eligible to pick up the brochure at our 9 Albion Street business office or to call the office at 781-246-6363 to request one by mail.”

The information is also available on the WMGLD website at www.wmgld.com by clicking on Heating Assistance.

The WMGLD also offers a budget payment program that begins each year in September. According to the General Manager, this may be a good option for those who do not qualify for assistance and for those on a fixed income. Information about budget payments can also be obtained by calling the business office at 781-246-6363.