



## NATURAL GAS COST REDUCTION PROGRAM 2009-2010

### Why should my congregation join the OhIPL Natural Gas Cost Reduction Program?

In 2008, Ohio Interfaith Power & Light (OhIPL) supported the Natural Gas Cost Reduction Program based on the positive results of a similar program among Episcopal churches in Ohio during 2006-2007. Last year 59 religious facilities from all walks of faith across Ohio participated in this program, and saved more than \$1000 on average. The aggregate strength of the program increases with the number of facilities that participate. Currently projections on aggregate pricing are 18-22% lower than last year.

Any facility can negotiate a price with gas providers to secure their own rate, but when you join together to pool natural gas usage, significantly lower rates can be negotiated collectively. Last year's program averaged 23.5% savings per participating congregation. After seeing the success of last year's program and the potential for similar savings this year, OhIPL is encouraging all congregations to join the 2009-2010 program.

Of course, further conservation and energy efficiency measures can lower natural gas bills even further. Congregations seeking help in doing so in 2009 can participate in OhIPL energy audits and educational programs to enable congregations to achieve that goal. For more information, [click here](#).

### What do I need to know to get started?

- ✓ Natural Gas rates historically begin to increase beginning in October
- ✓ **Registration deadline: Extended to August 24, 2009**
- ✓ Send a completed Registration Form ([Click here](#)) with a complete copy of your gas bill (both sides), tax exemption form and check for \$250.00 payable to "Parallex" to:

Gas Cost Reduction Program  
Ohio Interfaith Power and Light  
P. O. Box 26671  
Columbus, OH 43226

or Fax: 614-885-6097

or Email: [ohipl@ohipl.org](mailto:ohipl@ohipl.org)

### Current local natural gas rates seem low. Why join now?

Most churches use 70-85% of their gas between November and April. In order to maximize the low point in the market, your information needs to be in on or before August 24th to be in a bargaining position to secure a reduced fixed gas rate to begin with your October billing cycle. Markets are at a 7 year low and projected to go up from here. It is critical to secure pricing before the seasonal changes affect the price and demand of natural gas. This is likely to be the best opportunity to secure the lowest fixed natural gas rate before the colder winter months. If you have any question regarding the process, please contact Parallex via email: [info@parallex.com](mailto:info@parallex.com) or at 740-881-9650.

### Do you want to know more about OhIPL or other and future OhIPL programs?

- ✓ Visit the Ohio Interfaith Power and Light website: <http://www.ohipl.org>

By participating in the gas cost reduction program your congregation becomes an official OhIPL Covenant Congregation. By joining this program the congregation fulfills a part of the covenant by becoming more aware of your energy use.



## REGISTRATION FORM ~ Natural Gas Cost Reduction Program

The purpose of this Registration Form is two fold: **1)** Register to become a member of a pool of interfaith congregations who desire to secure a stabilized, fixed reduced rate for natural gas. Your registration adds volume to the natural gas we can pool to negotiate a lower rate. For more information, [click here](#). **2)** Register to be on the Ohio Interfaith Power and Light (OhIPL) service list in order to receive up-dated information about OhIPL news, education and advocacy programs. For more information about OhIPL and how your congregation can become a covenant member, visit <http://www.ohipl.org>

**It is imperative to complete and deliver this registration including the following documents on or before August 24, 2009: Please include:**

- A recent copy(both sides/all pages) of the congregation’s natural gas bill
- A signed copy of the congregation’s Tax Exemption Form
- New Enrollment: A check or money order payable to “Parallex” for \$250.00\*
- Re-enrollment: A check or money order payable to “Parallex” for \$50.00\*

**Mail to:** Gas Cost Reduction Program, Ohio Interfaith Power & Light, P. O. Box 26671, Columbus OH 43226 Or, snail-mail your check, and email a scanned copy of all of the above to: [ohipl@ohipl.org](mailto:ohipl@ohipl.org) or fax a copy of all of the above to: 614-885-6097

**Complete the following information to receive updated news and notices about OhIPL :**

(Please Print) Name of the Congregation: \_\_\_\_\_

Denomination or Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

Congregation’s Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State and Zip-code: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person’s Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person’s Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**And Complete these items to become a member of the pool to negotiate a lower gas rate:**

Congregation’s Current Gas Provider: \_\_\_\_\_

Congregation’s Gas Account Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Authorization Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Under gas contract currently:      Yes\_\_\_\_      No\_\_\_\_      Not sure\_\_\_\_

If you have questions regarding the buying process, you can email: [sheadlee@parallex.com](mailto:sheadlee@parallex.com)

**Please check the appropriate boxes:**

- We want to join the Natural Gas Cost Reduction Program
- We want more information about the OhIPL Covenant Congregation Program
- We want to become a member of Ohio Interfaith Power and Light
- Do not place our congregation on your service list.

\*This gives Parallex the right to negotiate gas rates for OhIPL Gas Cost Reduction Participants, but does not waive your right to refuse the offer.