

Great News Regarding Natural Gas Service at Lake Buckhorn

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Knox Energy Cooperative Association, a Utility Pipeline Ltd managed system, has expressed a desire to provide natural gas to residents of Lake Buckhorn. As most of you know, natural gas is a cheaper alternative than propane or heating oil.

The board has pursued this option for residents for a few years now. Finally, a provider has come forward with a feasible plan and seems enthusiastic about bringing natural gas to our community.

Questions and Answers about this possibility are below:

How can we get more information? An informational meeting will be held at the community hall on April 9th at 11 AM. Representatives of Utility Pipeline will be on hand to answer questions. Utility Pipeline will provide refreshments and food for this meeting.

Where will the company install first? That depends. The company has to make strategic decisions based on factors such as where their current lines are located and how many residents on each road are interested. This is why it is critical that you complete a survey, if you are interested.

How can we get a survey to complete? Surveys are being mailed with dues and assessments. Hard copies of the survey can be found at the Lake Buckhorn office.

Why can't the company go door to door and gage interest? Our by-laws prohibit solicitation in that manner. Therefore, a community-wide meeting has been scheduled for April 9th at 11 AM.

How much will it cost to hook-up to a natural gas line? That is being negotiated. The more interest shown, the lower the cost. The tie-in fee will include a service line to the house. We are hoping the cost will be as close to \$1,000.00 as possible. Again, the more interest shown through the surveys, the lower the cost.

This hook-up cost is considerably less than other companies. Why is it so much lower? This is an introductory offer from Utility Pipeline as an incentive to complete the survey and connect as soon as possible.

If I wait to hook-up, will the cost stay the same? No, the cost will likely go up if the company must make special arrangements to connect you after they have completed the work in your area. The quoted price is an introductory offer. The sooner you let them know you want to hook-up, the better.

Is the homeowner responsible to convert appliances? Yes. Most furnaces are equipped so that a licensed vendor can switch the appliance to natural gas.

What can I do to help bring natural gas to Lake Buckhorn? Encourage your neighbors and friends to complete the survey.

How soon would natural gas lines be installed? The first work would be scheduled for 2016 with the bulk of the lines happening in 2017. It may take a couple of years to install all the lines and complete a continuous circuit around the lake.

Does Utility Pipeline have experience in a lake community? Yes. They serve nine lake communities in Ohio, PA, and IN. Lakes serviced by Utility Pipeline include Apple Valley, Lake Mohawk and Holiday Lakes.

We hope that there is sufficient interest in natural gas to make it worthwhile for this company to serve Lake Buckhorn. It is critical that you complete a survey in order to express your interest. The best time and place to have questions answered is at the April 9th meeting.

Thank you to Judd Schuler and others on the committee for doggedly pursuing this issue.