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From the President's Desk



Many Oakwood residents may have received correspondence from First Energy explaining a change in suppliers. The Village of Oakwood was unaware of this change until it occurred but at a recent council meeting, council discussed the issue and with the help of Councilperson Eloise Hardin, researched the matter. I would like to take this opportunity to explain to you what has happened and why the changes have come about.

About ten years ago the Village of Oakwood residents voted to join Northeast Ohio Public Energy Council (NOPEC), a non-profit utility aggregation, to supply Oakwood with their electricity. This consortium has resulted in efficient, reduced-rate electricity that contributes to making our region more competitive economically. Up until recently, NOPEC has used Green Mountain as its supplier but with the withdrawal of Green Mountain, NOPEC looked elsewhere. Recently NOPEC contracted with GEXA Energy, an affiliate of the Juno Beach, Florida based provider of renewable energy, to provide member communities and their residents with electricity through June of 2011. Residents served by NOPEC can expect a reduction in the electric generation part of their bills of 12% in 2009 and 8% in the first six months of 2010. Small business customers can expect a reduction of 9% in 2009 and 5.5% in the first six months of 2010. Joseph Migliorini, Chairman of NOPEC's governing board, has been quoted to say "NOPEC works every day to bring lower-cost energy to northeast Ohio." (Excerpts from the NOPEC website <http://www.nopecinfo.org/>)

For those of you who have access to the internet and want more information or have unanswered questions, please visit the GEXA site at <http://www.gexaenergy.com/> and click on "NOPEC Gexa Energy Ohio Customers" in the upper left hand corner of the site.