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## **Baltimore Gas and Electric Company Launches Enhanced *Online Energy Calculator* and *Winter Ready Campaign* to Provide Customers with Tools to Better Manage Winter Heating Bills**

*Interactive calculator is among many online resources at customers' fingertips*

**BALTIMORE**, Oct. 12, 2009 – Baltimore Gas and Electric Company (BGE), a subsidiary of Constellation Energy (NYSE: CEG), today, urged customers to use its enhanced *Online Energy Calculator* for a personalized review of energy usage and recommendations for improving energy efficiency. The *Online Energy Calculator* is part of BGE's *Winter Ready* customer outreach campaign, a new section of BGE's website, built around the themes *prepare for cold weather, know more about energy usage, choose how to get more out of energy and save all winter on energy bills*.

“Despite an anticipated decline in natural gas usage and commodity prices this winter, customers should still make every effort to use energy wisely,” said Jeannette M. Mills, senior vice president of customer relations and account services for BGE. “It is crucial that BGE and its customers work together to keep bills manageable by lowering energy usage and increasing energy efficiency. Customers who heat with natural gas or electricity will find that the *Online Energy Calculator* and other *Winter Ready* options are invaluable resources for achieving these goals.”

BGE's next generation *Online Energy Calculator* provides the following enhancements:

- Interactive functionality
- Personalized assessment of energy usage
- Customized recommendations for improving energy efficiency
- Faster response to customer questions and improvement suggestions

BGE's *Winter Ready* campaign also includes important information about the following:

- Residential heating and cooling rebates
  - \$175-\$400 rebates on high efficiency heating and cooling equipment
  - \$200 rebates for duct sealing
  - \$75 rebates for diagnostic tune-ups of heating and cooling equipment
- *PeakRewards*<sup>SM</sup>
  - Programmable thermostat, professionally installed, which can help save up to 15% on heating and cooling costs
  - Up to \$200 in the first year of participation for customers with central air conditioning or electric heat pumps (credits applied during summer months)
- Lighting and appliance rebates
  - \$50 rebate on qualifying ENERGY STAR<sup>®</sup> refrigerators and clothes washers
  - \$50 for allowing BGE to pick up customer's old, working refrigerator or freezer for recycling
  - Discounts on qualifying ENERGY STAR<sup>®</sup> compact fluorescent light bulbs
- *Quick Home Energy Check-up*
  - Walk through assessment of home's energy efficiency
  - Checklist of recommendations for improving efficiency
  - Installation of several energy saving devices
- Home Performance with ENERGY STAR<sup>®</sup>
  - Cash incentives for making whole-house energy efficiency improvements
  - Designed to save 20% or more on energy usage
- Limited Income Energy Efficiency Program
  - Qualifying homeowners may be eligible for home energy audit and energy savings improvements

*Winter Ready* also provides customers with information on natural gas and electricity suppliers, which may offer a lower price than BGE, BGE's *Budget Billing* program, which evens out payments over a 12 month period so customers aren't as affected by seasonal fluctuations in usage, and other helpful resources.

Both *Winter Ready* and the *Online Energy Calculator* are intuitive and simple to navigate, however customers can always contact BGE with questions.

*Winter Ready* can be found online at [www.bge.com/WinterReady](http://www.bge.com/WinterReady). The *Online Energy Calculator* is accessible by going to [www.BGESmartEnergy.com](http://www.BGESmartEnergy.com) and click on *Online Energy Calculator*.

BGE, [www.bge.com](http://www.bge.com), headquartered in Baltimore, is Maryland's largest gas and electric utility, delivering power to more than 1.2 million electric customers and more than 640,000 natural gas customers in Central Maryland. The company's approximately 3,000 employees are committed to the safe and reliable delivery of gas and electricity, as well as enhanced energy management, conservation, environmental stewardship and community assistance. BGE is a wholly owned subsidiary of Constellation Energy, [www.constellation.com](http://www.constellation.com), a FORTUNE 500 company also headquartered in Baltimore, with subsidiaries that generate, sell and provide other energy-related services to customers throughout North America.

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