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## Baltimore Gas and Electric Company Encourages Qualifying Customers To Attend Energy Assistance Expo in Anne Arundel County

*Customers urged to seek assistance prior to the start of extremely cold weather and not wait until they are in crisis*

**BALTIMORE**, Nov. 4, 2009 – Baltimore Gas and Electric Company (BGE), a subsidiary of Constellation Energy (NYSE: CEG), today announced it is hosting an *Energy Assistance Expo* to help customers who may qualify for energy assistance. The *Expo* takes place today from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at Mt. Zion United Methodist Church, 122 Bayard Rd., Lothian, MD. The Office of Home Energy Programs (OHEP) and the Anne Arundel County Community Action Agency are working with BGE on this event.

“It is crucial that qualifying customers apply for energy assistance before extremely cold weather sets in and before they are in crisis. Customers should not wait until they receive a turn-off notice to ask for help,” said Jeannette M. Mills, senior vice president of customer relations and account services for BGE. “Not only will BGE employees assist customers with the application process, they will also provide customers with important low cost and no cost energy conservation tips as well as information on BGE’s *Smart Energy Savers Programs<sup>SM</sup>*, designed to help customers reduce energy usage.”

Customers who have not qualified for energy assistance in the past are encouraged to attend the *Expo* as income guidelines have changed. New income eligibility guidelines for the current enrollment period are as follows:

Household Size	Maximum Monthly Gross Income
1	\$1,579.37
2	\$2,124.79

3	\$2,670.20
4	\$3,215.62
5	\$3,761.04
6	\$4,306.45

For each additional person in the household, add \$545.42.

Eligible applicants must have an existing BGE account or be in the process of applying for a new account. Customers applying for energy assistance should bring the following with them for fast and efficient processing:

- Government issued photo identification
- Proof of total gross income for the last 30 days for all household members
- Proof of residence (lease, rent book, mortgage statement, etc.)
- Copies of Social Security cards for all household members including children
- Copy of most recent utility bill
- Name of home energy supplier and account number

BGE estimates 200,000 customers in its service area are limited income; however, only approximately 50,000 of those customers apply for OHEP assistance. Additionally, customers who need aid beyond the OHEP grant may contact the Fuel Fund of Maryland, BGE Community Assistance Fund, as well as other community based organizations. While energy assistance events are held periodically throughout the year, qualifying customers can apply for grants at any OHEP office during normal business hours. For more information, call OHEP toll free at 800-352-1446 or in Baltimore City at 410-396-5555.

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.