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**CITY OF NORTH CANTON ANNOUNCES
LOW FIXED RATE FOR NATURAL GAS AGGREGATION PROGRAM**

North Canton, Ohio (September 15, 2014) – City of North Canton officials are pleased to announce that they have chosen Constellation Energy Gas Choice (Constellation) as the program’s supplier for a two-year program ending with the November 2016 billing cycle. Constellation recently won a competitive bid process and is replacing IGS Energy as the program’s supplier.

City officials have established a low 2-year fixed rate of \$4.19/Mcf for natural gas for members of the City’s Aggregation Program. The new rate is for all gas consumed during the December 2014 – November 2016 billing periods. Residents and small businesses should look for a mailer to arrive on or about September 25 concerning the Natural Gas Aggregation Program offer from Constellation.

Mayor David Held said, "We are pleased to have been able to strike this low rate for our residents and businesses. The \$4.19/Mcf rate compares very favorably to what residents can obtain on their own at this time. We chose to set the rate for a 2-year period to provide longer-term protection against rising prices. Last year’s “polar vortex” winter was a harsh reminder of how volatile natural gas prices remain. In the unlikely event that prices do drop below our program rate members may leave free-of-charge at any time by simply contacting Constellation."

Mark Burns, President of Independent Energy Consultants, said, “Residents and businesses should carefully read their letter from Constellation.” Burns added, “There are two similar but distinct versions of the letters. Residents who are currently in the program or who receive their gas supply through Dominion East Ohio’s Standard Choice Offer will receive an “opt-out” letter. If they wish to remain in the program or be added to the program, they should simply do nothing and they will automatically receive the new lower rate. A second version of the letter will be sent to residents who have already selected a supplier including those who may receive a renewal letter from IGS Energy. These account holders would need to contact Constellation to receive the City’s natural gas offer.”

Bruce Stewart, Chief Marketing Officer of Constellation, said, “We are pleased to be serving the City of North Canton. For those customers needing to take action to join the City’s program we’ve set up several means of enrollment for their convenience. First, residents and small businesses may call Constellation at 800-718-1493. Secondly, they may mail or fax the reply card that comes with the letter sent to their home or business. Also, they may join the program through our website at www.Constellation.com/NorthCanton.” Customers wishing to join the program must be in good standing with their bill payment and cannot be part of the utility’s Percentage of Income Payment Program (PIPP).

The City is pleased to have made this program possible but asks that you do not call the City offices. They are not equipped to handle a large volume of calls. Residents should contact Constellation toll free at 1-800-718-1493 if they have any questions.

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