

NMGas Offers Customers SupplierSelect

NMGas is developing a new program, *SupplierSelect*, that eventually will allow all natural gas customers, including residential, to select their gas supplier. The option is already offered to the company's largest customers.

Customers who choose to purchase their gas from another supplier will remain valued NMGas customers. The company will continue to supply gas to their homes and businesses through its network of pipes, and Niagara Mohawk employees will respond to service and emergency needs just as we have in the past.

NMGas will begin to phase in *SupplierSelect* this summer while it addresses issues such as billing and tax collection. The New York State Public Service Commission has asked all gas utilities to implement similar plans this year.

Under the program, energy suppliers, marketers, or others will be allowed to pool together smaller customers in order to purchase a supply of natural gas for those customers. There will, however, be a limit on the number of customers that can participate in a given year.

Although NMGas remains among the lowest cost providers in New York, there are at least 30 natural gas marketers working within Niagara Mohawk's service territory. The marketers are expected to increase their activity as the program is implemented.

Niagara Mohawk cannot recommend in favor or against any marketer, but the company will maintain a list of participating marketers for customer consideration. As with any purchase, customers should be cautious, shop for alternatives and consult an attorney before signing any legal document.

If you want more information about the option of choosing a natural gas supplier, please call the Public Service Commission at 1-800-342-3377, or Niagara Mohawk at 1-800-932-0301.

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