



National Fuel's Conservation Incentive Rebate Program Begins Third Year *Program contains changes effective December 1, 2009*

(December 2, 2009) Williamsville, New York: National Fuel Gas Distribution Corporation's New York division announces the opening of the third year of its Conservation Incentive Program (CIP). The third year of the CIP, which was approved by the New York State Public Service Commission (PSC) on October 15, 2009, includes the following changes to the residential rebate program:

- Storage tank and tankless water heaters will no longer be eligible for CIP rebates.
- Rebates have been added for the purchase and installation of indirect water heaters and hot air furnaces that have an electronically commutated motor (ECM).
- Energy Star®-rated programmable thermostat rebates will continue. However, in order to get a rebate in CIP year three, the thermostat must be installed by a contractor at the time of a furnace or boiler upgrade.

Details on Rebates for Residential Customers: The CIP offers residential customers in National Fuel's western New York service area a number of money-saving rebates when they replace specified appliances with new, energy-efficient models and install an Energy Star®-rated programmable thermostat.

Rebates are available for the following items:

	Required Minimum Efficiency	Rebate Amount
Space Heating		
Hot Air Furnace	90% AFUE	\$300
Hot Air Furnace w/ ECM	90% AFUE	\$400
Hot Water Boiler	85% AFUE	\$400
Steam Boiler	81% AFUE	\$200
Programmable Thermostat (in conjunction with a furnace or boiler upgrade)	ENERGY STAR®- rated	\$25
Water Heating		
Indirect Water Heater	N/A	\$300

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(AFUE) – Annual Fuel Utilization Efficiency is the most widely used measure of a furnace’s heating efficiency. It measures the amount of heat actually delivered to a house compared to the amount of fuel that must supply the furnace.

Please Note: Some requirements apply, visit www.NationalFuelForThought.com to learn more.

The residential rebates for years one and two of the CIP are available for qualifying equipment installed between November 1, 2007, and November 30, 2009. Equipment purchased and installed on December 1, 2009, or after, must be eligible based on the chart listed on page one in order to qualify for a rebate.

Details on Rebates for Non-Residential Customers: Rebates are available for small, non-residential customers whose facilities use less than 12,000 Mcf (thousand cubic feet) of natural gas per year for upgrading to more energy-efficient equipment. These customers can choose from one of two rebate options:

1. **Fixed (Pre-Qualified) Rebate** – Fixed rebates available on pre-qualified equipment. The list below summarizes the types of equipment and rebates associated with upgrades to those items that are now being offered as part of the CIP.
2. **Customized (Performance-Based) Rebate** – Rebates are determined on a case-by-case basis, based on the results of an energy-use analysis.

Fixed rebate requirements for select natural gas appliances include:

Equipment		Minimum Required Efficiency		Rebate	
		(<300 kBtuh)	(300-499 kBtuh)	(500-1,000 kBtuh)	(>1,000 kBtuh)
Hot air furnace	90% AFUE	\$500	N/A	N/A	N/A
Hot water boiler	85% AFUE	\$600	\$750	\$1,500	\$2,500
	90% AFUE	\$1,000	\$1,500	\$2,500	\$3,500
Steam boiler	81% AFUE	\$600	(\$2/kBtuh) \$600-\$1,000	(\$2/kBtuh) \$1,000-\$2,000	(\$2/kBtuh) \$2,000+

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Continued - Fixed rebate requirements for select natural gas appliances include:

Equipment	Minimum Required Efficiency	Rebate
Space Heating		
Unit Heater	90% AFUE	\$1,000
Low Intensity Infrared Heater	N/A	\$500
Programmable Thermostat	Energy Star®-rated	\$25
Water Heating		
Storage Tank Water Heater	0.61 EF	\$150
Tankless Water Heater	0.78 EF	\$350
Cooking		
Fryer	Energy Star®-rated	\$750
Broiler	30% AFUE	\$500
Convection Oven	40% AFUE	\$500
Combination Oven	40% AFUE	\$750
Steamer	Energy Star®-rated	\$750
Griddle	45% AFUE	\$500

(AFUE) Annual Fuel Utilization Efficiency

(EF) Energy Factor

(kBtuh) 1,000 Btu per hour

The CIP continues to include a non-residential rebate offer for customers whose facilities use less than 12,000 Mcf (thousand cubic feet) of natural gas per year that is not based on a fixed rebate schedule. This program feature is being implemented in partnership with the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA), through its Existing Facilities Program. For these customers, *customized* rebates will be based upon the installed cost for the new equipment and the amount of savings it will generate. As much as 50 percent of the incremental equipment and installation costs, up to \$25,000 per project, will be offered. Small, non-residential customers interested in customized rebates should call 1-866-NYSERDA, or 1-866-697-3732 to learn more.

Please Note: Some requirements apply to both components of the non-residential rebates available, visit www.NationalFuelForThought.com to learn more.

The CIP also includes a Savings Card program. The Savings Card program offers discounts from National Fuel's energy partners on services and materials related to energy use and energy conservation. Discounts are being offered on items like furnace filters, weatherization items, services like furnace cleaning and tune-ups and new appliances.

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In addition to the rebate and savings card features of the program, the CIP includes free weatherization assistance for low-income customers, which is being implemented in partnership with the NYSERDA, through its EmPower New YorkSM program. Customers who may be eligible for free weatherization assistance through the CIP will be identified by National Fuel and social service providers and referred to EmPower New YorkSM.

To learn more about the CIP or to download rebate applications for both residential and non-residential customer rebates, visit www.NationalFuelForThought.com or call 1-800-365-3234.

National Fuel Gas Distribution Corporation comprises the utility segment of National Fuel Gas Company, a diversified energy holding company that is engaged in a number of natural gas-related activities. The Utility provides natural gas service to approximately 500,000 customers in western New York. Additional information about National Fuel and its customer services is available at www.nationalfuelgas.com or by calling 1-800-365-3234.

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