

NP Residents Encouraged to Consider Purchasing Clean Energy

Nether Providence Township's Board of Commissioners recently adopted a resolution pledging to purchase 20% of the Township's electricity from clean energy sources by the year 2010. The action was prompted by the board's desire to join efforts to combat global warming and protect the environment.

Nether Providence residents are encouraged to join the Township in the clean energy effort by switching all or a portion of their electricity purchases to clean energy.

Switching just 100 kilowatts of your electricity from fossil fuel to clean energy will help the environment by reducing polluting emissions of carbon dioxide (CO₂), sulfur dioxide (SO₂), and nitrogen oxides (NO_x). According to PECO, the annual CO₂ reductions for each 100 kilowatts switched are equivalent to 1,142 miles not driven or 89 trees planted.

One source of alternative energy available in our area is wind energy supplied by **PECO Wind**. It costs an additional \$2.54 cents/month for every 100 kilowatts purchased, on top of the regular billing rate. This rate will remain in effect until December 31, 2010. For more information on PECO Wind, or to sign up, residents can call 1-866-9463 or go to www.pecowind.com.

PECO is now offering an incentive to encourage residents to switch all or part of their electricity to PECO Wind. For every 200 kilowatts switched, PECO will pay the Township \$15, up to a maximum of \$45 per household. The Township plans to use any payments received from PECO to help fund its switch to clean energy.

Another option for residents who wish to purchase electricity produced from clean energy sources comes from **The Energy Cooperative**. It is offering EcoChoice 100 -- electricity produced from 100% renewable resources, including solar, wind, and biomass. EcoChoice 100 costs 15.4 cents per kilowatt, which includes all costs except PECO's line distribution cost. Residents who wish to purchase EcoChoice 100 must switch all of their electricity, not just a portion of it. More information on EcoChoice 100 is available at www.theenergyco-op.com or by calling 215-413-2122.

As a third option, residents can purchase renewable energy offsets through **Native Energy**. Through this organization, residents purchase offsets in amounts equal to all or part of their fossil fuel-based energy usage. The offsets support the development of renewable methane energy on farms in Pennsylvania's rural communities. Native Energy costs an additional 8 cents/month for every 100 kilowatts purchased. More information is available by calling 1-800-924-6826 or at www.NativeEnergy.com/pa.

So that the Township can track how many households are switching to clean energy, residents who decide to switch are asked to send an email to NPgoneclean@gmail.com. Please provide your name, billing address, and indicate how many kilowatts you have switched and to what option. **Thank you for your support!**