

# Winter Reconnect and E-HEAP

## Duke Energy\*\* Customers – Southwest Ohio Counties

If your utilities are disconnected or threatened with disconnection you may be eligible for the Winter Crisis Program, an emergency component of the Home Energy Assistance Program (E-HEAP). \$175 can get your utilities reconnected. You can only use this Program once between October 15, 2015 and April 15, 2016.

### **If you have \$175**

Beginning October 19, 2015, Contact Duke Energy at 1-800-544-6900 and pay \$175.00 to avoid disconnection or to reconnect, no matter what you owe to Duke. If you are disconnected, you must also pay a \$36 reconnect fee. There is no income restriction to participate. Duke Energy requires that customers sign up for a Percentage of Income Payment Plan (PIPP) or another payment plan to participate.

### **If you don't have \$175**

From October 19, 2015 to April 15, 2016, call your local Community Action Agency to apply for the \$175 needed to participate in the Winter Crisis Program. Please see the back of this flyer for the contact information of local community action agencies.

### **Eligibility for Winter Crisis Program:**

- To apply, income documents must be presented for all adult household members. Households whose gross income is at or below 200% of the federal poverty guidelines are eligible for \$175.00 through the Program.
- To apply, you must also sign up for PIPP (or have your PIPP account re-verified), or sign up for another payment plan at that time.

### **Important Information for PIPP Customers:**

- If you have missed PIPP payments, Duke Energy will deduct the \$175 from your missed payments. The Winter Crisis money will get you reconnected or avoid disconnect, BUT you will then have to pay the balance owed before your next bill arrives from Duke, which could be only a few days. If you miss that payment, your account will up for disconnection again..
- For Example:
  - If your missed PIPP Payments total \$575, then \$175 will reconnect or keep utilities on. BUT if you do not pay the balance of \$400 to Duke Energy before the next billing date, you will again face disconnection.

\*\* You may also be eligible if you have utilities through a different investor-owned utility company in Southwest Ohio.

<b>County</b>	<b>Community Action Agency Information</b>
<b>Brown County</b>	<b>Adams-Brown Counties Economic Opportunities, Inc.</b> 406 W. Plum Street Georgetown, Ohio 45121 Phone: (937) 378-6041 Fax: (937) 328-2502 Website: www.abceoi.org
<b>Butler County</b>	<b>S.E.L.F.</b> 1790 A&B South Erie Blvd. Hamilton, Ohio 45012 Phone: (513) 868-9300
<b>Clermont County</b>	<b>Clermont County Community Services</b> 3003 Hospital Drive Batavia, Ohio 45103 Phone: (513) 732-2277 Website: www.cccsi.org
<b>Clinton County</b>	<b>Clinton County Community Action Program</b> P.O. Box 32 Wilmington, Ohio 45177 Phone: (937) 382-5667 Website: www.clintoncap.org
<b>Highland County</b>	<b>Highland County Community Action Organization</b> P.O. Box 838 Hillsboro, Ohio 45133 Phone: (937)393-3458 Website: www.hccao.org
<b>Warren County</b>	<b>Warren County Community Services Inc.</b> 570 N. State Route 741 Lebanon, Ohio 45036 Phone: (513)932-6301 Website: www.wccsi.org

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