



Sign Up for National Fuel's Direct Payment Plan, Go Paperless and Win!

(May 6, 2009) Williamsville, NY: National Fuel's Utility customers in western New York and northwestern Pennsylvania who enroll in the Company's Online Services and are signed up for the Direct Payment Plan **and** Paperless Billing program between May 1 and June 9, 2009, will be entered to win one of five \$150 credits to their gas bill.

Handling bills by mail wastes customers' time, money and the planet's resources. Once a customer enrolls in Online Services, they can easily:

- **Stop getting paper bills** – customers can sign up to receive bills by email.
- **Stop writing checks and save on stamps** – the Direct Payment Plan allows customers to have their payment deducted automatically each month.
- **Budget** – customers can stabilize their monthly bill for up to one year with the Budget Plan.

The drawing is open to customers of National Fuel who are U.S. residents and 18 years of age or older. Entries must be received by June 9, 2009. No purchase or enrollment in Online Services is necessary. Customers can visit www.nationalfuelgas.com for the complete official rules.

National Fuel Gas Distribution Corporation, the Utility segment of National Fuel Gas Company, provides natural gas service to approximately 700,000 customers in western New York and northwestern Pennsylvania. National Fuel Gas Company is an integrated energy company with \$4.2 billion in assets comprised of the following four operating segments: Exploration and Production, Pipeline and Storage, Utility, and Energy Marketing. Additional information about National Fuel is available on its Internet Web site: <http://www.nationalfuelgas.com>.

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