

Natural Gas Connection Program Service Agreement Terms & Conditions



- 1. Commencing Services.** BGE will not perform any service until BGE has received a written or electronic version of the Natural Gas Connection Program Service Agreement (hereinafter referred to as "Contract") from you. If BGE does not receive the signed Contract, or you have not fulfilled your obligations by the date stated on the front hereof, then BGE may cancel this Contract. If you still want the services, you will have to sign a new agreement, and the price may be different.
- 2. Customer's Obligations.** Before any construction can begin, you must perform any work deemed necessary by BGE in order to provide satisfactory conditions at the Site. This includes marking of private utilities on your property.
- 3. Ownership of Equipment.** All equipment provided by BGE in connection with the services will remain BGE property except for the "customer main gas valve." You will protect and defend BGE's title to the equipment and will keep the equipment free and clear of any and all claims, liens, encumbrances and legal processes of your creditors or other persons at your expense. The "customer main gas valve" is the property of the customer when the gas service is installed.
- 4. Changes.** If you make changes to the service route selected by BGE (except changes required by BGE), you will pay BGE any costs associated with the change. If the Site is changed by you after construction has commenced (for example, by change in clearance or grade), you will pay any additional costs BGE incurs as a result.
- 5. Complete Contract.** This Contract, along with BGE's applicable Service Tariff, as may be amended from time to time, constitutes the entire agreement between BGE and you. This Contract supersedes any other oral or written statements. This Contract may not be amended unless in writing and signed by BGE and you.
- 6. Assignment.** You may not assign this Contract without BGE's prior written consent. This Contract will bind each of your personal representatives and BGE approved assigns. BGE may assign all or any portion of our obligations, rights and/or remedies under this Contract to others and on one or more occasions without your consent or prior notice.
- 7. Miscellaneous.** Any provision of this Contract, which may be contrary to law, will not invalidate any of its other provisions. BGE may waive or delay enforcing any of its rights without losing them. If more than one customer signs this Contract, each of you is jointly or severally responsible for complying with the agreements made herein, and BGE may waive or delay enforcing its rights against one of you without waiving them as to the other. This Contract is governed by Maryland law.
- 8. Service Application Fee.** A \$40 Service Application Fee will be applied to your BGE bill after BGE completes installation of your gas service line. This fee is not eligible for a discount under the Natural Gas Connection Program.
- 9. Service Line Cost.** You will be provided with a firm price for the cost of a gas service line extension to your home. It is understood and agreed that the price BGE charges you for installation of the gas line and meter may not represent BGE's full cost, since some items (such as metering costs) may not be included. BGE may further reduce the charge(s) by revenue allowances or pricing methods based on your anticipated use of gas, or by special customer offers.
- 10. Eligibility.** This offer is valid for BGE residential electric customers, not new construction homes or commercial properties. As such, in order to be eligible for a discount of up to \$2,000 off the price of a gas service line extension to your home, you must install the following gas equipment within 30 days (unless otherwise noted) of completion of the gas meter installation by BGE. Otherwise, BGE reserves the right to bill you for the full cost of the installation of the gas service line to your home.
 - **For customers whose current heating source is electric (for example, a heat pump), you must install at least one of the following two gas appliances:**
 - (a) High-efficiency gas furnace ($\geq 92\%$ AFUE w/ECM). This equipment is eligible for a \$300 rebate through the BGE Smart Energy Savers Program®.
 - (b) High-efficiency gas water heater (tank or tankless, ENERGY STAR certified). This equipment is eligible for a \$150 rebate through the Natural Gas Connection Program.Should you install both appliances within 30 days of completion of the gas meter installation by BGE, you may be eligible for both rebates.
 - **For customers whose current heating source is oil or propane:** You must currently have a standalone (not integrated with an oil, propane or other heating source) electric water heater, and must replace it with a high-efficiency gas water heater (tank or tankless, ENERGY STAR certified). This equipment is eligible for a \$150 rebate through the Natural Gas Connection Program.
If you also choose to install a high-efficiency gas furnace ($\geq 92\%$ AFUE w/ECM), this equipment is eligible for a \$300 rebate through the BGE Smart Energy Savers Program.
 - **Customers who keep their existing electric heat pump and install a high-efficiency natural gas furnace only as a backup heating source ("dual fuel" systems):** You can qualify for the program only if you replace your electric water heater with an ENERGY STAR certified gas water heater. You are still eligible for a high-efficiency gas furnace rebate through the BGE Smart Energy Savers Program.
 - **Customers who keep their existing heat pump and configure it to run as an air conditioner only, and install a high-efficiency natural gas furnace as the heating source:** You can qualify for the program only if you replace your electric water heater with an ENERGY STAR certified gas water heater. You are still eligible for a high-efficiency gas furnace rebate through the BGE Smart Energy Savers Program.
- 11. In order to be eligible for all discounts and rebates in Section 10,** you must use a Natural Gas Connection Program Participating Contractor. The list of Participating Contractors can be found at BGESmartEnergy.com/Gas.
- 12. Customer Charges.** Should you proceed to have a gas service line extension installed to your home, you authorize BGE to charge your account for the cost of the gas service line extension, minus a discount of up to \$2,000, as long as all provisions of this Contract are fulfilled. A Customer Charge of \$13 will be added to your bill each month to cover expenses such as billing, metering and meter reading, which are not directly associated with your natural gas supply and delivery.
- 13. BGE makes every effort to ensure that its records are correct.** However, should it be determined that you do not have a gas main already installed in front of your home, BGE reserves the right to rescind this offer.

