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For Immediate Release

Wilmington, Ohio – Volunteer Energy Services, Inc., the city natural gas aggregation supplier, has filed for bankruptcy protection in federal court in Columbus. However, the filing won't disrupt natural gas service for Wilmington residents. Participants in the program will be reassigned to CenterPoint Energy Ohio.

In the meantime, the city is working with Buckeye Energy Brokers on a new plan that is targeting a mid-June mailing for an August start. Customers may get a letter in the mail in coming days telling them about the bankruptcy filing and that they will be placed on their electric utility's "standard service offer" or gas utility's "standard choice offer." Residents do not need to do anything at this time. If supplied by the local utility in June, residents will be automatically reenrolled in the city's program for an August start.

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