



Dear Shadow Wood Residents,

The Shadow Wood Community Association and the Natural Gas Study Team are pleased to inform you that we have finally reached an agreement with TECO to install natural gas distribution piping in front of all 517 single-family homes that presently do not have access to gas. Our negotiations with TECO were exceptionally tedious and delayed by a change in key TECO decision makers during the process.

We now have a mutually agreeable contract that brings gas service to our community without incurring any on-going cost to either our residents, or SWCA, other than the charges of any gas used. The details of the contract remain basically the same as was communicated during the Town Hall meetings in the spring with only a couple minor adjustments (the \$4,700/home initial installation cost remains unchanged). Those changes are:

- 1) TECO has determined that they will not be able to collect the second 50% of the initial connection fee through each customer's bill over the first 12 months of service. Rather than require that you pay the entire \$4,700 at one time, we have decided to make the first 50% due by October 31st and the 2nd 50% due by March 31st next spring.
- 2) The requirements for initial connection of gas appliances has changed slightly.
 - a. TECO had told us in the spring that only one appliance needed to be connected to the system in order for the installation of the lateral supply line from the street to the house, including the meter, to be free. That remains true if that one appliance is a water heater. If it is not, then two appliances need to be connected.
 - b. If you only want to hook up one appliance (and it is not a water heater) then TECO will install the lateral line and meter to your home, but they will charge the current going rate (\$30/ft today--for an average of \$1,500) to do so.
 - c. Because of this slight change, **we were able to negotiate an agreement that eliminates any timeframe requirement for making any appliance connection(s)**—i.e., it is totally up to the individual homeowner as to when to actually purchase and connect any appliance(s) to the system. This will allow a homeowner to delay the up-front costs of purchasing/installing appliances (including the initiation of any monthly “meter charges”) to better coincide with

their own financial position or when they need to replace a failing appliance. For those converting from propane, this will allow them to use up any remaining propane in their tank before making the conversion.

In the next few days we hope to begin the collection process for the 220+ homes that committed to hook up this past spring. This will entail the SWCA billing each of the committed residents for their first 50% of the initial installation costs.

During the collection period we encourage homeowners who DID NOT COMMIT in the spring to reconsider this valuable opportunity once again. You may join the project during the month of October at the same cost as the current committed homes. That is, payment of \$2,350.00 in October of 2019 and \$2,350 in March of 2020. **After October 31st, the higher connection fee (25% increase) will apply.**

We thank all those who have committed to this program. It was your commitment that allowed this project to become a reality.

We look forward to the start, and completion, of construction so that all single-family homes in Shadow Wood can enjoy the experience of utilizing natural gas to power your water heaters, cooktops, ranges, generators, grills, pool heaters and other household appliances.

When you decide to connect and pick appliances, don't forget the TECO rebate program. This added benefit will help offset some of your initial upfront costs. Your TECO representative can assist with securing the rebates at the time you become a TECO customer.

If you have any questions about the natural gas program, you can find all of the information that has been prepared and presented by [clicking here](#) (you will need to scroll down to the Natural Gas Program tab). If you still have additional questions, you can submit them via email to admin@swcahome.com.

We appreciate your patience while we finalized this opportunity for our community.

The Natural Gas Study Team