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### Updated Energy Assistance Information Now Available from Belmont Light

(Belmont, MA) – The combination of high oil and natural gas prices and this year’s long, cold winter have many Belmont residents wondering if they will be able to pay their heating bills throughout the rest of the season. To help customers concerned about their home heating bills, Belmont Light produced a brochure that outlines available energy assistance programs and services.

“We realize that even those who work hard to keep their homes energy-efficient may still have difficulty paying their energy bills during the winter,” Belmont Light General Manager Jim Palmer said. “This brochure will help them determine if they are eligible for any of these programs and who they can call for more information.”

In the brochure, readers will find information on programs available from state and national organizations, including fuel assistance and weatherization programs for low-income residents, the Good Neighbor Energy Fund for those in temporary crisis, and Citizens Energy oil heat and natural gas programs. Income eligibility guidelines, application information, and pertinent telephone numbers and website addresses for these programs are listed. The brochure also provides information about local programs like the Metropolitan Boston Housing Partnership, a housing resource agency; the Belmont Light Rate Change Program for income-eligible customers; and the Belmont Light energy

conservation and ENERGY STAR appliance programs, which are both available to residential customers, regardless of income.

Belmont Light customers can obtain the brochure at the 40 Prince Street office in Belmont or by calling 617-998-2800. The information is also available on the Belmont Light website at [www.belmontlight.com](http://www.belmontlight.com).