



## **THE ILLINOIS ENERGY CONSORTIUM CAN HELP YOUR DISTRICT!**

- Has your district been paying over **\$.60** or even **\$.70** this school year for **natural gas**?
- Still deciding if your district should lock in **electric power prices** before summer?
- Are you wondering what to **budget** for the 2010-11 school year for your district's **energy costs**?

The Illinois Energy Consortium can help your district's control its energy costs and help achieve your district's energy budget goals! All you need to do is to e-mail or fax a copy of a recent month's bill for each of your facilities' utility natural gas account numbers and/or a copy of a recent month's bill for each facilities' electric power utility account numbers to Ron Steigerwald. The IEC will then provide a proposal that includes a historical cost-savings analysis along with a budget forecast for the 2010-11 school year – it is that easy!

Prices in the IEC natural gas program for the 2009-2010 school year were locked in at the low point last September. For the 2010-2011 fiscal year, natural gas prices are now at **5-year lows** and the IEC has been taking full advantage of these low prices for our **265 natural gas** district members.

Additionally the IEC locked in the lowest price for electricity that we have seen for many years last September for our **465** electric program district members. Moreover, not only did the IEC lock in this low price for this current 2009-2010 school year, but we locked in the same pricing for the 2010-2011 and 2011-2012 school years to afford your district budget stability and accuracy.

***In these trying financial times for school districts, here is a great opportunity to help districts control their electric and natural gas costs, especially in these tough economic times! We look forward to hearing from school districts this month – do not miss the upcoming utility & supplier deadlines to join our programs.***

**Energy Grants for School Districts** – superintendents and business managers should consider the energy grants that are available from Commonwealth Edison and Ameren. Go to the IEC Web site at <http://www.illec.org/resources.html> and click on “list of available energy grants” for more information. *There is plenty of money but no one is making an application for it.* The team at the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity are more than willing to help through the application process. They want to help districts collect these funds.

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