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From: Commanding Officer, Naval Construction Battalion Center,  
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To: PPV Residents

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1. Naval Construction Battalion Center Gulfport (NCBC), in conjunction with our family housing partner, Balfour Beatty Communities, is moving forward with a plan to increase awareness and conservation of electrical use in our neighborhoods. The program carries out a policy from the Office of the Secretary of Defense. The intent of this program is to promote good stewardship of our resources and environment through awareness, personal responsibility and education.

2. For the awareness part of the program, Balfour Beatty Communities has been collecting utility consumption data for PPV homes in order to establish a baseline for power consumption by housing type and size. You will start receiving a monthly utility consumption report, also referred to as a "mock bill", that will show how much electricity [and gas where applicable] you are using each month. The first monthly utility consumption report will be sent to you on or about February 15, 2013 for the month of January. Subsequent reports will follow each month. The report will include a utility usage target, which is the amount of electricity considered normal for your type and size of house. This amount will vary month-to-month based on seasonal differences in climate.

3. The personal responsibility component involves changes in consumer behavior that will help lower utility usage and save energy. You will receive a monthly utility usage report, which will eventually serve as an actual bill for electricity [and gas where applicable] consumed above the utility usage target and may reward you with a rebate if you consume more than a certain percentage below the usage target amount. While actual billing will not take place for at least several months, you should start comparing your usage with the usage target amount as soon as you get your first report in February. You should begin conserving electricity now, especially if you are above the usage target amount. You can also ask your Property Manager for

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assistance, such as examining the electric meter or assisting you with conducting a self energy audit. We will provide you with more information about actual billing and rebates before we begin implementing them.

4. The third and perhaps most important element of this program is education. Along with your monthly consumption report, you will receive tips and ideas on ways to reduce electric consumption. Individually, these energy saving tips result in small savings; collectively, they can make a big difference in how much electricity you use in a given month.

5. NCBC and Balfour Beatty Communities are also doing our part to reduce energy consumption through energy efficient construction and use of alternate sources of energy generation. NCBC has installed photovoltaic panels on two buildings, completed boiler upgrades in others, and made energy efficient heating, ventilating, air-conditioning upgrades to numerous buildings. We have also begun turning off some street lights, and have installed "learning" thermostats in several buildings. All new buildings constructed on board NCBC are built for maximum energy savings.

6. Additional details on this program will soon be provided by Balfour Beatty Communities. If you have any questions, please contact Balfour Beatty Communities at 228-863-0424.



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