



Grand Lodge of Free & Accepted Masons of the State of New York

Committee on Lodges and Buildings

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Utility Needs of Masonic Lodges

As a sub-committee of the Committee on Lodges and Buildings we have been charged with several tasks. Our first assignment is currently well underway. Preliminary review has been done to develop cost saving methods regarding Utility usage. Opportunities are available to us if we are able to join together as one unit. With 400+ buildings owned by our lodges and the staggering utility usage that can be estimated by the general age of our facilities, we find that we have a large amount of buying power when it comes to dealing with utility companies. To do this it is necessary for us to develop what is known as a **Request for Proposal (RFP)** to present the dynamics of this purchasing power to the respective utility providers. Therefore, we request your participation in this endeavor. We need to determine if there is a sincere interest by the owners of the Lodge buildings within our jurisdiction to join together in the examination of a “**Cost Cutting**” program for Utility usage for our buildings. Much information is needed to develop the RFP that will demonstrate monthly load and usage units such as a “**Typical Day Electric (Gas) Profile**”.

There are several New York State programs that are being examined as well. These include programs developed and funded by the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority, which may provide grants and loans for energy cost saving measures, such as:

- Purchasing energy star windows and appliances
- Installing insulation and duct sealing & weatherproofing
- Purchasing efficient boilers and water heaters
- Upgrading and installing high efficiency lighting
- Installing occupancy controls and energy management systems

We anticipate regional meetings for the benefit of assisting the Lodges in the State with all the programs currently under development by the committee. This leads us to our committee’s vision for the future. We ultimately envision a Masonic Utility Program to be made available to all Lodges in New York State and maybe to our individual members as well. The concept of buying in volume is underway by this committee with respect to electricity, oil, gas, etc. Our Lodges individually may be small, but collectively we are very significant.

The form will supply us with the information required to make our proposal to the parties that are interested in servicing our buildings.

IF YOUR LODGE IS INTERESTED IN BECOMING PART OF THIS PROJECT
WE NEED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION, NO LATER THAN
AUGUST 1, 2001. IF YOUR LODGE DOES NOT RESPOND BY
THE DUE DATE, IT WILL NOT BE INCLUDED AS PART OF THIS RFP.

PERMISSION TO ACCESS UTILITY RECORDS

LODGE NAME:

LODGE No.

CONTACT NAME:

TELEPHONE NUMBER:

EMAIL:

BUILDING ADDRESS

City: State: **NY** Zip:

UTILITY PROVIDER

GAS
Acct. No.:

ELECTRICITY
Acct. No.:

ESTIMATED ANNUAL USAGE

GAS:
ELECTRICITY:

In signing this form, We (I) signify that we (I) have full authority to allow access to the above account(s) information. We (I) understand that this information will be provided to Utility Marketers.

Print Name: Print Name:
Title: Title:
Signature: Signature:

Please return, as soon as possible to:

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