

FROM THE VILLAGE.....Here is some early information about the 2020 Choice Gas Selection period:

- The official Choice Gas selection period is **April 10-23, 2020**.
- Suppliers can begin direct marketing to customers and seeking sign-ups via delegation agreement on January 15, 2020.
- Black Hills (the Utility) will send out an educational post card to eligible customers beforehand to let them know what is happening.
- The Public Service Commission may do an educational press release.
- Black Hills (the Utility) will be encouraging customers to make an **active** selection. If someone has not made a choice by a certain date, they will get a reminder post card. Making an **active** selection provides the customer with the opportunity to select their rate versus a rollover rate at the end of the selection period which can be higher.
- Delegation agreements (the forms suppliers use to collect early sign-up selections) are going to look a little bit different.
- Suppliers will be able to put a logo on the form so customers can more easily tell which supplier is represented on the delegation agreement
- The customer's price will be listed on the form.

One change **ACE** (the Public Alliance for Community Energy, of which Ansley is a member), was hoping to see this year is not likely to occur. Suppliers won't find out who signed up early with a different supplier until April. **Unfortunately, that means people may still get phone calls, emails and letters after they've submitted a delegation agreement to a supplier.** Note, customers can contact the Utility (Black Hills) to let them know they want marketing to cease for the year and the Utility will notify all suppliers.

We wanted Ansley residents to be aware that marketing will probably be starting now, but the actual sign up period will be in April. Ballots usually arrive a week or so before the signup period unless you committed to a 2 year rate or signed a delegation agreement earlier. It is always a roll of the dice on whether prices will be lower now or lower in April, and since no one has a crystal ball each customer must make that decision. The Village always encourages residents to give strong consideration to **ACE** as their supplier since Ansley is a member. **ACE** was formed by communities across Nebraska to provide competitive rates. **ACE** has refunded over \$20,000 directly back to Ansley which has been used for picnic tables at the park, lifeguard chairs and benches at the pool, and Christmas pole decorations. The refund to participating **ACE** communities is based on resident participation with **ACE** in that community. If you have any questions about the Choice Gas Program you can contact Lanette at the Clerk's Office at 935-1467.