

Start of the Kansai Region's First "Carbon-Neutral City Gas" Supply Service
for New Condominiums

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Osaka Gas Co., Ltd. (President: Masataka Fujiwara, hereinafter referred to as "Osaka Gas") is launching the "Carbon-Neutral City Gas"^{*1} supply service^{*2} for new condominium developers as part of its efforts to contribute to the reduction of CO₂ emissions from households. This will be the first service in the Kansai region to supply carbon-neutral city gas for household use. The provision of this service, combined with the use of Osaka Gas's existing "Style Plan E-ZERO"^{*3} electricity rate plan, which supplies electricity from renewable energy sources, enables residents to consider their homes' CO₂ emissions from energy use as virtually zero.

To date, Osaka Gas has been selling Ene-Farm household fuel cells (hereinafter referred to as "Ene-Farm") and electricity derived from renewable energy under the Style Plan E-ZERO (hereinafter referred to as "renewable energy") to support energy saving, low carbon emissions, and decarbonization of residential customers, as well as preparation for further efforts to realize carbon neutrality.

This time, as part of our option menu for new condominium developers, we will start a service to supply "Carbon Neutral City Gas," carbon offset by credit,^{*4} to new condominiums^{*5} that have adopted Ene-Farm, when residents apply for the "Smart Power Generation Plan" gas rate plan. By allowing residents to use "Carbon Neutral City Gas" and the "Style Plan E-ZERO" electricity rate plan, the CO₂ emissions from the use of energy in their homes can be deemed virtually zero. At present, we are offering proposals to several new condominium developers.

The Daigas Group will continue to actively contribute to efforts toward the realization of a carbon-neutral society.

*1. City gas utilizing "Carbon Neutral LNG," which offsets greenhouse gases generated in the process from natural gas extraction to combustion with CO₂ credits and considers that no CO₂ is generated on a global scale when burned.

*2. Sales will be handled by Osaka Gas Marketing Co., Ltd. (President: Shinichi Ueda), a wholly owned subsidiary of Osaka Gas, as an agent for Osaka Gas.

3. An electricity rate plan that combines electricity generated by renewable energy sources owned by the Daigas Group with electricity purchased from post-FIT customers,^{} along with non-fossil fuel certificates^{**} derived from renewable energy. Customers can use electricity derived 100% from renewable energy free of CO₂ emissions.

* Customers whose feed-in tariff period for renewable energy ended in accordance with the Act on Special Measures Concerning Procurement of Electricity from Renewable Energy Sources by Electricity Utilities

** Certificates that embody the environmental value of electricity sources

*4. The avoidance or reduction effects of greenhouse gas emissions in environmental conservation projects in various regions around the world are certified as credits by highly reliable verification organizations.

*5. The target will be new condominiums for which the adoption of "Carbon-Neutral City Gas" has been decided through discussions between developers and the Daigas Group.