



Bord Gáis Energy to provide €1m towards gas bills for those most in need

Bord Gáis Energy today (8th January 2010) announced that it will provide €1m towards the gas bills of those most in need as a result of the prolonged cold weather. SVP (Society of St Vincent de Paul) and ALONE, organisations that assist its vulnerable customers, will receive these funds to ensure that those most in need get additional support.

Bord Gáis Energy Managing Director, David Bunworth, said: “We are conscious that the very cold weather has meant that customers need to use more gas to stay warm. Although gas prices are down 25% since last year, we know that with the current economic and weather conditions some customers will still have difficulty meeting their gas bills. Therefore, to encourage the elderly and vulnerable customers maintain adequate heating in their homes, we are providing €1m in additional support through the SVP and ALONE. These organisations do tremendous work to alleviate the difficulties of those in need and we are keen to enable them to respond to greater demand for assistance with energy bills. Meanwhile, we would urge customers, particularly the elderly, to ensure they keep warm during this cold weather”.

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Note:

€1m equates to 25.5m kWh of natural gas, which would be about 1.7m hours of home heating.