

## UTILITIES OVERVIEW

The Stark County area is served by large, seasoned companies, which provide all of the basic utilities and services needed by any business.



Well-managed, competitively priced utilities, which are operating with long-term capacity, are a key component to the success of Stark County in attracting new business and industry. The county offers one of the lowest combined utility rate schedules in the state of Ohio.

Situated at the hub of transmissions lines, Stark County provides an ideal location for businesses that rely on electric power. Electric service is provided primarily by Ohio Edison (A First Energy Company) and AEP (American Electric Power), which have ample reserves to accommodate business needs reliably.

Offering ample and dependable gas service to the county is Dominion East Ohio Gas and Columbia Gas of Ohio. Both offer low and high-pressure gas.

Diversity and capacity describe the telecommunications environment in Stark County. AT&T provides state-of-the-art equipment and communications options to the area. Multiple long distance and cellular carriers give businesses a complete range of services to choose from.

Stark County also offers an abundant supply of water, which is treated by municipal water treatment facilities, which are currently operating at 60-70% of capacity with ample ability to accept new business growth.

Waste treatment is handled efficiently in the area. For sewer and wastewater treatments, most areas of Stark County are served by municipal sewer systems, operating with sufficient excess capacity. For solid waste disposal, the area has multiple landfill sites.

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## TELECOMMUNICATIONS



**at&t**

AT&T is a premier communications company providing voice, data, wireless, and video services in

Stark County. AT&T Ohio has local experienced personnel dedicated to economic development and to providing 24/7 service and support to meet the wide range of business requirements and priorities.

AT&T can offer:

- \* State of the art switching systems utilizing digital electronic software
- \* Access to the latest broadband fiberoptic technology
- \* Direct dial access to major long distance carriers with points of presence (POPS) in Stark County
- \* Voice Over Internet Protocol (VoIP) and WiFi offerings
- \* Competitive rates
- \* Unmatched service and support

AT&T can meet your telecommunications needs with installation coordinated with your business schedule. Confidential planning assistance is available to ensure the optimum design and faultless installation.

Contact Steve Kristan, ATT Ohio Director of External Affairs at 330-489-2120 or at [sk1459@att.com](mailto:sk1459@att.com)

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*Businesses looking to locate or expand in Stark County will discover an area with up-to-date information technology which will enable them to readily connect businesses to national markets and research facilities.*

## GAS UTILITIES



### DOMINION EAST OHIO

Dominion East Ohio, founded in 1898 as East Ohio Gas, has built an historic foundation of providing safe, reliable natural gas energy to residential, commercial and industrial customers in Canal Fulton, Canton, Louisville,

Massillon, Hartville, East Canton and North Canton. Perry Yard, our Canton Division office, is located at 4725 Southway Street SW.

Dominion East Ohio is the largest natural gas distribution subsidiary of Dominion Resources Inc., based in Richmond, Va. Our extensive underground compression and storage system, centered in Stark County, assures area customers of constant, year-round pressure and less price fluctuation than with many other natural gas utilities. Dominion East Ohio uses new, cost-efficient, clean-burning natural gas technologies to provide its services.

For more information about Dominion East Ohio contact:

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Columbia Gas of Ohio, a public utility headquartered in Columbus, sells natural gas and provides transportation services to its customers in Ohio. The company serves 1.8 million of Ohio's approximately 3 million natural gas customers. Columbia is the state's largest

natural gas utility, serving more than 1,000 communities in 64 of Ohio's 88 counties--a service territory covering approximately 25,400 square miles.

The company is a leader in the development of natural gas technology and products, as well as innovative programs such as Customer Choice. The Choice program provides all of Columbia's customers the opportunity to reduce their energy costs by purchasing their natural gas from non-utility suppliers, while Columbia Gas of Ohio continues to deliver the gas and provides all local services.

For more information about Columbia Gas of Ohio contact:

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## ELECTRIC UTILITIES



*A unit of American Electric Power*

Ohio has operations in Canton and serves the communities of Canton, East Canton, Minerva, Louisville, and North Canton.

American Electric Power is one of the largest electric utilities in the United States, delivering electricity to more than 5 million customers in 11 states. AEP ranks among the nation's largest generators of electricity, owning nearly 38,000 megawatts of generating capacity in the U.S. AEP also owns the nation's largest electricity transmission system, a nearly 39,000-mile network that includes more 765 kilovolt extra-high voltage transmission lines than all other U.S. transmission systems combined. AEP's transmission system directly or indirectly serves about 10 percent of the electricity demand in the Eastern Interconnection, the interconnected transmission system that covers 38 eastern and central U.S. states and eastern Canada, and approximately 11 percent of the electricity demand in ERCOT, the transmission system that covers much of Texas. AEP's utility units operate as AEP Ohio, AEP Texas, Appalachian Power (in Virginia and West Virginia), AEP Appalachian Power (in Tennessee), Indiana Michigan Power, Kentucky Power, Public Service Company of Oklahoma, and Southwestern Electric Power Company (in Arkansas, Louisiana and east Texas). AEP's headquarters are in Columbus, Ohio.

AEP Ohio's electric rates are lower than the national average. As a result of electric deregulation in Ohio, our customers can select a competitive electric service provider certified by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio.

For more information about AEP Ohio's rates and programs, contact:

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## **Ohio Edison, A FirstEnergy Company**

FirstEnergy is a diversified energy company headquartered in Akron, Ohio. Our investor-owned electric utility system is the nation's fifth largest, serving 4.4 million customers within 36,100 square miles of Ohio,

Pennsylvania and New Jersey. Our subsidiaries and affiliates are involved in the generation, transmission and distribution of electricity, as well as energy management and other energy-related services.

Ohio Edison, A FirstEnergy Company, provides electric service to approximately 1.2 million customers within 8,900 square miles of northeastern and central Ohio including Massillon, Alliance, and Hartville in Stark County. Ohio Edison and our subsidiary, Penn Power, serve some of the largest customers in the world such as Daimler-Chrysler, General Motors, Goodyear, Wal-Mart, Republic Engineered Products, Navistar, and General Electric.

Ohio Edison provides a variety of programs and services to commercial and industrial customers to help increase energy efficiency awareness and promote the use of high-efficiency electric equipment and systems. We offer assistance to business customers with review and consultation regarding operating efficiency and energy conservation, electrical construction and maintenance services and the use of high-efficiency systems and new electrotechnologies.

To help ensure the economic stability and continued prosperity of the communities we serve, our Economic Development Executives across the area work with local agencies to make the most of development opportunities. With a wealth of information, tools and comprehensive programs, our economic development professionals remain a key resource to site selection consultants, local chambers and government agencies, as well as area businesses looking to grow.

For more information, contact Ray Martinez at 1-800-633-4766

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## WATER AND SEWER SERVICES



### WATER

Long-heralded as a regional advantage in the Great Lakes region, the abundant availability of water is a major strength in Stark County. The majority of the water treatment facilities in Stark County are currently operating with ample excess capacity to allow for increased demand.

Contact numbers are listed below.

Alliance:	330-829-2241
Canal Fulton:	330-854-2044
Canton:	330-489-3310
Louisville:	330-875-9936
Massillon:	330-833-4156
North Canton:	330-499-6473

### WASTE WATER AND SEWAGE SYSTEMS

The majority of wastewater treatment plants are operating with sufficient excess capacity to accommodate further increase in demand. Peak flows have generally been associated with heavy storms.

Alliance:	330-829-2220
Canal Fulton:	330-854-6885
Canton:	330-489-3080
Louisville:	330-875-3161
Massillon:	330-833-3304
North Canton:	330-499-4801