

■ The Pacific Plaza and other residential condominiums at Bonifacio Global City are finding out that the business district's piped-in gas network is being viewed as a benefit by unit owners hard hit by volatile fuel costs. Appliances that run on gas piped in by Bonifacio Gas offer savings of around 40 percent when compared to appliances powered by electricity.



Developers of residential towers discover added benefit of piped-in gas

ONE of the few beneficiaries of volatile fuel costs is the liquefied petroleum gas industry. The rise of pump gas prices to as high as P60 a liter opened the eyes of many energy users to Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) as the more affordable and cleaner fuel alternative.

Pump prices may have dropped since then but the keen interest in LPG-fed equipment and appliances has remained high in the rising business district of Bonifacio Global City where a piped-in gas network is maintained by its affiliate Bonifacio Gas.

The fuel price hike has spurred large institutions like high-end residential condominiums and hotels to shift from diesel-powered boilers and other equipment to those that run on LPG because of cost savings, according to Edwin Lasat, general manager of Bonifacio Gas.

He adds that as a result of residents' warm acceptance of piped-in gas in a number of condominiums like Pacific Plaza Towers, Bonifacio Ridge, and Fenhurst, developers of upcoming residential towers have also opted to offer access to the LPG network as an added benefit to buyers. Other developments offering piped-in gas include Serendra, Kensington Place, Grand Hampton and Fort Legend Towers.

In addition to gas stoves, LPG-fed appliances include water heaters, washing machines, clothes dryers, and air conditioning systems. Compared to their counterparts that run on electricity, these equipment offer households a savings of about 40 percent.

A medical center, a very prestigious hotel, and a high-end residential tower—all located at the Bonifacio Global City—will also use LPG to run their boilers and to provide hot water for showers, kitchen, laundry, room service and other applications. LPG is a clean fuel with low emission levels. Lasat points out that should all these LPG technologies and appliances become more available in the Philippines, residents of Bonifacio Global City stand to benefit most because of its existing and fully-functioning piped-in gas system. "It will only be a matter of time before consumers fully appreciate the benefits of LPG and heighten the demand for it," he says.