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**Elyria's Ritsko Insulation wins quality service award from
Columbia Gas of Ohio and Conservation Services Group**

Columbia Gas of Ohio (COH) and Conservation Services Group (CSG) have awarded the Five Star Quality Award to Elyria's Ritsko Insulation.

Ritsko Insulation was rated as one of the best insulation companies participating in COH's Home Performance Solutions energy efficiency program during 2013. The company's work rated high in CSG's contractor scoring system and was among the best in customer feedback.

"The Five Star Quality award represents Ritsko Insulation's commitment to Columbia Gas of Ohio's customers and our energy efficiency program," said Jack Laverty. "Their outstanding work is helping our customers enjoy a more comfortable home while also saving them energy and money."

Home Performance Solutions provides an in-home energy audit designed to help reduce the use of natural gas and make your home more energy efficient. The program develops a customized plan for lowering energy usage by as much as thirty percent, an appliance safety check and discounts on insulation, air sealing and a high-efficiency furnace. A free programmable thermostat and energy efficient shower head are also provided in homes where they are needed.

At the conclusion of the home energy audit, customers can choose from a variety of contractors, such as Ritsko Insulation, to implement the recommended energy efficient changes.

This is the second year Columbia Gas of Ohio and Conservation Services Group have presented awards to the top companies participating in the Home Performance Solutions program. The program is operated by COH and implemented by CSG. Customers interested in taking part in the program should call 1-877-644-6674.

Columbia Gas of Ohio safely delivers clean and efficient natural gas to approximately 1.4 million customers in 61 of Ohio's 88 counties. With headquarters in Columbus, it is one of the seven energy distribution companies of NiSource Inc. (NYSE: NI) and is the largest natural gas utility in the state. NiSource companies deliver energy to approximately 3.8 million customers located within the high-demand energy corridor stretching from the Gulf Coast through the Midwest to New England. More information about Columbia Gas of Ohio is available at: ColumbiaGasOhio.com. Be sure to call 811 at least two business days before you dig. For information about natural gas safety and what to do if you suspect a gas leak, go to: www.safegasohio.org.

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