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An Energy Update from the CEO, Leslie B. Enoch, II

Dear Fellow Customers:

Rising energy prices are constantly in the news. The entire energy complex including oil, gasoline, natural gas, propane and electricity have all seen significant increases and many are predicting prices to continue rising.

There are no easy answers to solving the energy issues that this nation faces and a comprehensive solution is required. However, if policy makers at the national level would expand and diversify production opportunities from clean coal, nuclear, natural gas, biomass, alternative energy and renewables, as well as increase access to new energy supplies and limit excessive speculation, that would be a positive step in the right direction. Natural gas can be an important part of the overall energy solution:

- Natural gas is domestically produced.
- Natural gas has by far the smallest carbon footprint of today's fuels.
- Natural gas, when using a complete "source-to-site" analysis, is the most efficient energy delivery system in the country.

The District is communicating its position at the national level and we encourage you to contact your elected officials as well.

At the local level we can also make a difference if we all focus on using energy wisely. Reducing our overall usage will both conserve natural resources and help lower our energy bills as well. There are several ways to reduce energy usage in our homes and businesses and a few energy efficiency suggestions follow:

- Set your water heater at 120 degrees; it can save up to 11 percent on water-heating costs.
- Insulate your water heater tank and pipes. Do not cover air inlets, valves, faucets, controls or pipes at the bottom or the top near the exhaust vent.
- Inspect your return air filter at least once a month and clean or replace it as needed. Dust and lint in your filter can restrict the air flow - causing wasted fuel.
- Close the fireplace damper when it is not in use.
- Replace leaky washers in water faucets. Run dishwashers, clothes washers, and clothes dryers with full loads.
- Weather-strip and caulk doors, windows and attic hatches. Install storm windows and doors where practical.
- Insulate ceilings, floors and outside walls.
- Consider investing in a programmable thermostat. A programmable thermostat will let you program different heating and cooling schedules for days and nights. During the winter, for example, for every degree you lower your thermostat, you can expect to save about three percent on your heating bill.

Middle Tennessee Natural Gas is doing all it can to keep gas bills as low as possible by improving efficiencies and stabilizing costs. Natural gas remains the best energy value and we encourage our customers to call for a free safety inspection and pilot lighting.

Save Money...Save Energy!

Middle Tennessee Natural Gas is proud to be an authorized dealer in the sales, installation and service of the **Noritz tankless water heater**. The best quality in tankless technology is **Noritz America!** The purchase of a **Noritz tankless water heater** provides you with:



- **Endless Hot Water** - The tankless water heater heats water on demand, so that means no storage or shortage of hot water.
- **Energy Savings** - According to the Dept. of Energy, tankless water heaters are expected to achieve a 30% reduction in energy use.
- **Flexible Installation Options** - Indoor and outdoor models are available and can be installed virtually anywhere freeing space taken by the traditional tank models.
- **Clean Water** - No tank means no rust build-up so water passing through the tankless model has no rust or residue.
- **Higher Volume** - Properly sized Noritz tankless water heaters are capable of supplying more hot water than traditional tank-type water heaters.
- **Longer Water Heater Life** - Noritz tankless water heaters are extremely durable, lasting up to two times longer than traditional tank-type water heaters, and require little maintenance over their lifetime.



Visit your local MTNG office to learn more about the Noritz tankless water heater.



WCTE-TV recently received funds from the Middle Tennessee Natural Gas Project Hometown Help program. The money will help WCTE-TV purchase new digital equipment for the television station.

Making the presentation is Leslie B. Enoch, II, Chief Executive Officer, left. Receiving the check on behalf of WCTE-TV is Dr. Scott Little, DVM, Upper Cumberland Broadcast Council Member.

Project Hometown Help is funded by the customers of Middle Tennessee Natural Gas who allow their monthly bill to be rounded up to the next dollar. These monies are distributed to local organizations and charities.



Allocations Since February, 2008

A total of 141 allocations were made to various agencies and organizations totaling \$81,392.00 through Middle Tennessee Natural Gas Utility District's Project Hometown Help from February, 2008 through June, 2008. The totals are shown below by county:

Cannon	\$ 3,875.00	Coffee	\$ 1,200.00	Cumberland	\$16,650.00
DeKalb	\$ 6,757.00	Grundy	\$ 700.00	Hamilton	\$ 4,860.00
Jackson	\$ 200.00	Meigs	\$ 50.00	Putnam	\$ 5,700.00
Rhea	\$11,800.00	Rutherford	\$ 300.00	Smith	\$ 3,750.00
Van Buren	\$ 1,050.00	Warren	\$10,000.00	White	\$10,800.00
Wilson	\$ 3,700.00				

Project Hometown Help began in April, 2005 and since that time has distributed more than \$678,800.07 to the communities MTNG serves. Funds collected are allocated back to the areas from which they were contributed to the extent practical.

For more information, log on to www.mtnrg.com or call 615-597-4300.