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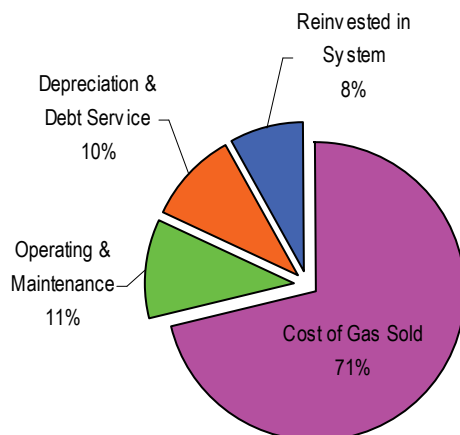
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A Winter Update from the CEO, Leslie B. Enoch, II

Natural gas prices have stabilized. Recent turmoil in the financial markets and significant hurricane activity in the Gulf Coast region have been prominent in the national news. Fortunately, these events have not adversely impacted natural gas prices for this winter. While natural gas prices at the national level have declined substantially since reaching record highs this summer, they are still higher than this time last year. However, we are encouraged that prices have stabilized and that the projected increase is lower than originally expected. If the weather is the same as last winter, gas bills should be about 10 percent higher. MTNG will continue to provide reliable natural gas service and will do all it can to help keep gas bills as low as possible.

Winter is just around the corner. There are several ways to reduce energy usage and lower gas bills. We encourage customers to winterize their homes by improving insulation, applying weather stripping, changing filters, and setting the water heater to 120 degrees. Keeping your heat at a lower but comfortable level is also recommended. For every degree you lower your thermostat, you can save about three percent on your heating bill. The District appreciates its customers and provides free safety inspections and pilot lighting. Natural gas is by far the best energy choice and will keep you warm and comfortable all winter long.

How Your Natural Gas Heating Dollars Were Used in 2008



MTNG Rates Effective November 1, 2008

Residential

Customer Charge	\$ 7.00 Per Month
First 70 Therms	\$ 1.350 Per Therm
Over 70 Therms	\$ 1.290 Per Therm

Small Commercial

Customer Charge	\$ 16.00 Per Month
First 350 Therms	\$ 1.360 Per Therm
Over 350 Therms	\$ 1.320 Per Therm

(Rates shown include November, 2008
Purchased Gas Adjustment)

As a Middle Tennessee Natural Gas Customer, You Should Know... ...Natural Gas Pipelines Are In Your Neighborhood

Natural gas delivered by pipelines is a safe form of energy. Day in and day out, all across the country, pipelines safely deliver efficient, reliable, and environmentally friendly natural gas that brings comfort to our businesses and homes. However, as with any fuel, risk comes with improper handling. Natural gas is flammable and under pressure. Middle Tennessee Natural Gas is dedicated to safety first. MTNG pipelines are designed, tested, operated, and maintained to standards that meet or exceed regulatory requirements. Markers warn of pipeline locations. MTNG employees receive thorough and ongoing training to ensure the safe transport and use of natural gas.

To CALL BEFORE YOU DIG

The number one cause of natural gas emergencies is damage by a third party. Before any excavation, you must call Tennessee One Call at **811** to have utilities located and marked. It is smart and **it is the law**. Please do not dig carelessly near gas pipelines. Call before you dig, wait to have the lines marked, respect the markers, and dig with care.

HOW TO RECOGNIZE AND REACT

Though natural gas incidents are uncommon, you should know their telltale signs.

LOOK – Blowing dirt, bubbling water, dry spots in moist areas, or dead vegetation may indicate a gas leak.

LISTEN – A hissing sound near a natural gas pipeline or appliance may indicate a leak.

SMELL – Natural gas has a unique odor added to it so you can be aware of a leak through your sense of smell. If you suspect a gas leak, take action:

LEAVE IMMEDIATELY – Do not try to find or stop the leak. Get to a safe area.

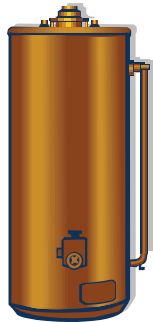
DO NOT TOUCH ANYTHING ELECTRICAL – Minimize potential sources of ignition. Do not smoke, use phones, turn appliances or lights on or off, or operate any equipment that could spark.

CALL – Once you are out of the area where a gas leak is suspected, use a neighbor's phone or a cell phone to call Middle Tennessee Natural Gas.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

To learn more, you can phone your local MTNG office or visit us at www.mtng.com.

Whether Traditional or Tankless, Natural Gas Heats Water Best!



Natural gas beats electric with faster recovery time, lower cost, higher efficiency, and cleaner fuel. No matter how you compare it, natural gas is your best energy choice!



Welcome Monteagle Natural Gas Customers!

Middle Tennessee Natural Gas is pleased to announce the acquisition of the Monteagle Gas System effective September 30, 2008. We welcome our new customers in the Town of Monteagle and look forward to our continuing relationship. The former Monteagle Gas customers will receive service through MTNG's McMinnville area office at 569 North Chancery Street. Customers may call 1-931-473-8494 or 1-800-558-8494 with questions or for service.

Project Hometown Help Allocations Since July, 2008

A total of 196 allocations were made to various agencies and organizations totaling \$60,492.00 through Middle Tennessee Natural Gas Utility District's Project Hometown Help from July through September, 2008. The totals are shown below by county:

Cannon	\$ 2,500.00	Cumberland	\$15,018.00	DeKalb	\$ 6,150.00
Hamilton	\$ 2,500.00	Meigs	\$ 500.00	Putnam	\$ 4,350.00
Rhea	\$ 8,868.00	Rutherford	\$ 500.00	Smith	\$ 2,300.00
Warren	\$ 7,300.00	White	\$ 8,756.00	Wilson	\$ 1,750.00

Project Hometown Help began in April, 2005 and since that time has distributed more than \$739,792.07 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.mtng.com or call 615-597-4300.