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The Winter of 2013-2014 by James E. Hodges, Chief Executive Officer

As this is written in mid-January 2014, we have experienced a COLDER start to winter than we did last year. November was 8% colder than November 2012. December was more than 30% colder than December 2012, and January 6th and 7th were two of the coldest days that we have experienced in decades. Those two January days were the District's two highest throughput days of all time. Please remember this large change in weather will impact your winter bills compared with last year's bills.

Fortunately, the natural gas rates to you are DOWN from last year's rates and will help offset on your bill some of the increased cost from higher energy usage.

In the November 2013 issue of Natural Gas Today, we noted natural gas rates for Middle Tennessee Natural Gas Residential and Small Commercial users would be 5% lower in November 2013 than in November 2012, and anticipated this percentage of DECREASE would be reasonably consistent throughout the winter. Now that we are in the heart of the winter, we know that our rates for December were 8% lower than last year, and January and February rates will also be 5 to 10% lower than last year.

Middle Tennessee Natural Gas Utility District encourages customers to improve insulation, apply weather stripping, change filters, shut off unused rooms (not a problem for a natural gas heating system), and keep winter thermostat settings at the lowest comfortable setting.

We remain committed to providing quality service at competitive rates, and stand ready to serve you, our customer, with an abundant supply of clean burning, American produced, reliable natural gas.

Come by any of our offices and talk to us about your energy needs.

Stay Warm,
Jim Hodges



James E. (Jim) Hodges

MTNG EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT — RICKEY DALE WOODLEE

McMinnville Senior Service Technician, Rickey Dale Woodlee, is our spotlight employee for this edition of Natural Gas Today. Rickey began his career with Middle Tennessee Natural Gas in 1992. Prior to his employment with the District, Rickey worked for several years with *Regal Marine Craft* in Orlando, Florida and later transferred to the Smithville, Tennessee location. Rickey also served in the Marine Corps from 1972 through 1978. He was based at Camp Lejeune, NC in the 2nd Battalion, 10th Marines 2nd Marine Division HQ Battery. He was a Sergeant E5, a Forward Observer Radio Operator and later the NCOIC over Engineering Platoon and Motor Pool. He also served a tour of duty in Beirut, Lebanon.

Rickey was hired as Service Tech and throughout the years has dedicated himself to learning the tasks of the Operations Department. Co-workers will tell you he is always willing to help anyone. Rickey was promoted to Senior Service Technician in September 2012 with his primary duties being Regulator Maintenance, Cathodic Protection, working with the pipeline contractors and the Operations' side of mapping. Rickey says, "My favorite part of the job is being involved in projects and seeing a lot of growth and changes throughout the years."

Outside of his work, Rickey is a hunter and a fisherman. He enjoys shooting his guns and riding motorcycles. He loves anything about cars and enjoys watching Nascar. He has always taken pride in working around his home. His favorite hobby is spending time with his large family. Rickey and his wife of 34 years, Debra, have three children: Rickey Dale; Ronald Damon; and Christy Lynn Partain. He also has 6 grandsons and 4 granddaughters.



WINTER CLEARANCE !!! SALE !!!

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Project Hometown Help

Middle Tennessee Natural Gas offers a voluntary program designed to improve the quality of life in the communities it serves. The Program is known as "Project Hometown Help". Project Hometown Help has had a positive impact on the hometowns we serve. It has focused on our schools, those unable to afford continued natural gas service, the local charities in our area, and improving the likelihood of recruiting and retaining good jobs for our hometowns.

A total of 331 allocations were made to various agencies and organizations totaling \$180,329.00 through Middle Tennessee Natural Gas Utility District's Project Hometown Help during the calendar year 2013. Since the program's inception in April, 2005 a total of \$1,757,900.00 has been distributed back to the communities the District serves. Funds collected are allocated back to the areas from which they were contributed to the extent practical.



Above, representatives of the Vietnam Veterans of White County receive a check from Sparta Office Manager, Pat Bennett. The funds are to assist with transportation, utilities, meals and other expenses that the Veterans incur.



Above, Susie Davenport receives the Project Hometown Help check on behalf of the Warren County Lions Club from McMinnville Office Service Tech, Jackie Hayes. The funds are to assist those that cannot afford eye care.



Above, Rob Littleton (left) receives a Project Hometown Help check from Dayton Office Manager, Ed Dunn for the Kiuka Volunteer Fire Department. The funds are to finish a fire truck for ISO rating.



Above, Lisa Craig receives a Project Hometown Help check on behalf of DeKalb Middle School. The funds are to purchase sound equipment and a portable stage.

Organizations who would like to request funds through Project Hometown Help may download an application from the District website and submit it for consideration. For more information on Project Hometown Help, log on to www.mtng.com or call 615-597-4300.