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Sparta Service Center Holds Open House

To better serve our strong existing and future customer base, Middle Tennessee Natural Gas Utility District built and opened a new Service Center in Sparta, Tennessee. The District has been using all or part of its prior facilities at 606 West Bockman Way for almost sixty years, and additional space was needed for our expanding service needs. Customers in White, Van Buren, Putnam, and Jackson Counties are all provided service from this new facility. The Sparta Service Center is located at 453 North Spring Street.

Chief Executive Officer James Hodges commented, “We are pleased to be your community partner and provide America’s fuel, Natural Gas, to the Middle Tennessee area.”

The official Open House for the Sparta Service Center was held on Friday, July 22, 2016. We would like to thank all our customers that stopped by and the Chamber of Commerce for celebrating with us.

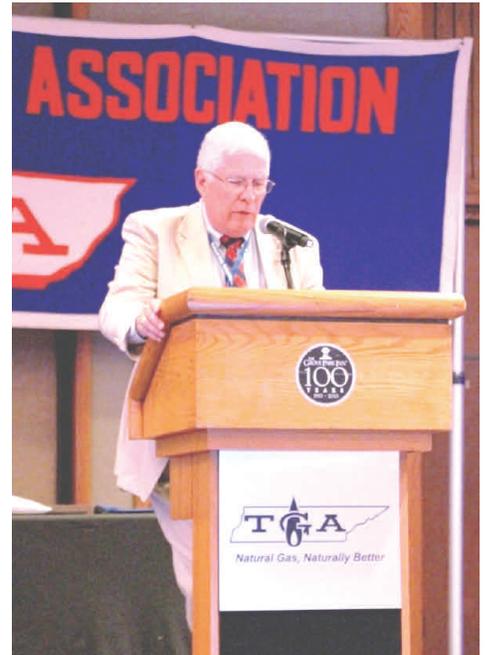
Picture below provided by the Sparta - White County Chamber of Commerce.



HICKS APPOINTED 53RD PRESIDENT OF TENNESSEE GAS ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Congratulations to Daniel C. Hicks, Vice President of Administration and Chief Financial Officer of Middle Tennessee Natural Gas Utility District, on his election as President of the Tennessee Gas Association Board of Directors at the Annual Meeting on June 30, 2016.

Mr. Hicks has served TGA since 1975. He served many terms as Education Committee Chair and multiple terms on the Board of Directors. He filled the Treasurer position for sixteen years. He also served for one year as Second Vice-President and for one year as First Vice-President before he was elected as the 53rd President of the Board of Directors for the Association.



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Sept. 1st - Oct. 31st



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HODGES APPOINTED CHAIRMAN OF AMERICAN PUBLIC GAS ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Congratulations to Jim Hodges! APGA has named Jim Hodges, Executive Vice President and Chief Executive Officer of Middle Tennessee Natural Gas Utility District, as Chairman of the APGA Board of Directors.

Mr. Hodges was elected during the APGA July Annual Meeting for a term of one year. APGA is a national, not-for-profit association representing more than 700 publicly-owned natural gas distribution systems in 37 states. APGA is the only trade association that solely represents the interests of public natural gas systems at the federal legislative and regulatory level.

“APGA is very pleased to have Mr. Hodges as our Chairman as we enter an important time here in Washington. As the APGA Chairman, Mr. Hodges brings the necessary experience and institutional knowledge to deal with the many issues facing local utilities. His leadership ability and knowledge of the natural gas industry will serve our members and industry well.” stated APGA President and CEO, Bert Kalisch.

Kalisch continued, “With the many natural gas issues our industry faces in Congress, the administration and federal agencies, public natural-gas systems are presented with numerous challenges and opportunities. Our current supply projection provides our country with a unique opportunity to utilize our domestic natural gas resources to reduce our energy dependence, increase overall energy efficiency, and decrease greenhouse gas emissions. This is best done by both accommodating the greater direct-use of natural gas and putting more natural gas vehicles on the road. Mr. Hodges understands these opportunities and is prepared to successfully lead APGA through these times.”



FUEL COST COMPARISON

FUEL	MIDDLE TENNESSEE AREA AVERAGE PRICE	
	<i>as of August 2016</i>	
		PRICE PER MILLION BTUs
Natural Gas	\$0.740 / therm Plus a \$7/month Customer Charge	\$ 7.40
Electricity	\$0.099 / kwh Plus a monthly Customer Charge	\$ 28.87
Propane	\$1.750 / gallon	\$ 19.06
Kerosene	\$4.339 / gallon	\$ 32.14
Gasoline	\$2.099 / gallon	\$ 16.79

FROM SEA TO SHINING SEA CNG ROAD RALLY

NGV America, the American Public Gas Association, and the American Gas Association all teamed up to sponsor a CNG Road Rally across the entire country this year. Beginning in Long Beach, California and ending in Washington DC, three CNG vehicles made 13 different stops at various CNG filling stations to prove that there is enough CNG infrastructure with over 1,600 public CNG Stations in the US to drive cross-country using Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) as a fuel. Middle Tennessee Natural Gas's CNG Ford Transit Connect joined them for the events in Little Rock, Memphis, Trenton, Dickson, and Sevierville – driving a total of 1,216 miles in three days. (pics below)

Each stop was unique, but in addition to the caravan vehicles, all had many local vehicles showcasing how CNG was used in their area. Many state and local leaders were onsite to discuss how building CNG infrastructure has been good for their community, and major media attention helped tell our story in the newspapers, on the internet, and on television. The rally had large Class 8 tractor-trailers, dump trucks, wreckers, school buses, trolleys, city buses, garbage trucks, pickup trucks, vans, and passenger cars – all with either dedicated or bi-fuel CNG capabilities.

All parties involved were excited about their investments in CNG for several reasons: Natural gas is an “American Made” fuel in that 98% of the natural gas used in the United States comes from the U.S. It burns much cleaner than gasoline or diesel and reduces emissions significantly. The large engines are much quieter than diesel and allow drivers to be more aware of their surroundings. It is safer in an accident than gasoline or diesel. Best of all, the prices are STABLE and have been for some time now. Gasoline prices are already beginning to creep back up, but CNG prices are staying rock-solid.

Participating in events such as the Sea to Shining Sea CNG Road Rally shows how amazingly far the CNG movement has progressed in the span of just a few short years. Keep the faith, and keep on burning that clean CNG!




America's
natural gas
look closer



APGA
Sea to Shining Sea
CNG Road Rally Stops

Above: **Dickson, TN**
Left: **Sevierville, TN**
Right: **Trenton, TN**

