

A NEWSLETTER FOR MEMPHIS LIGHT, GAS AND WATER DIVISION COMMERCIAL CUSTOMERS

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# **Customers on interruptible gas rate advised to test alternate systems**

Customers on MLGW's interruptible gas rate are reminded to test alternate fuel systems to ensure proper operation. While MLGW is not anticipating any gas curtailments this winter, we do require participants to check their back-up systems annually. Systems should be tested under full load to ensure effective operation.

The G-10 gas rate offers discounts to participating customers who have back-up heating systems and agree to be subject to service interruption. Contact MLGW's Commercial Resource Center if you have an alternate fuel system and would like to explore a contract change.

# TVA Fuel Cost Adjustment rises slightly for first quarter 2007

The Fuel Cost Adjustment (FCA), implemented by TVA in October 2006, has made its first quarterly fluctuation—rising from zero to \$0.00010 per kilowatt hour (kWh) for virtually all TVA rate classes. The new FCA amount is applicable for three MLGW billing periods, beginning with bills rendered on 12/27/07.

During first quarter 2007, the FCA impact for a business using 100,000 kWh per month is \$10.00. The average household, which uses 1,250 kWh per month, would see an impact of approximately \$0.14 per month during this same period. While the FCA amount seems insignificant at the per-unit level, its cumulative effect is large. For example, if the FCA amount for first quarter 2007 was applied to total electric consumption data for 2005, the annual impact to TVA would be more than \$1.5 million from MLGW's customers alone.

The FCA mechanism enables TVA to adjust a portion of its electric rates every three months based on how the actual cost of coal, natural gas and purchased power compares to TVA's forecasted price during the previous quarter. FCA funds are earmarked exclusively for this purpose, which helps the federal power agency keep pace with volatile fuel markets and reduce the frequency of changes to the base electric rates.

### **Purchased Gas Adjustment (PGA)**

| MLGW Rate       | Consumption | Demand     |  |
|-----------------|-------------|------------|--|
| G-1 residential | \$0.5699    | na         |  |
| G-7             | \$0.5619    | na         |  |
| G-8 / G-9       | \$0.5341    | (\$0.0688) |  |
| G-10 / G-12     | \$0.4517    | na         |  |

Adjustment in \$/Ccf to published natural gas rates for bills rendered on or after 11/22/2006.

#### **Fuel Cost Adjustment (FCA)**

| TVA              | MLGW      | FCA       |
|------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Rate Class       | Rate Code | Amount    |
| GSA, Part 1      | E-2       | \$0.00010 |
| GSA, Part 2      | E-2       | \$0.00010 |
| GSA, Part 3      | E-2       | \$0.00010 |
| GSB, Firm        | E-2       | \$0.00010 |
| GSC, Firm        | E-2       | \$0.00010 |
| GSD, Firm        | E-2       | \$0.00010 |
| MSB, Firm        | E-2       | \$0.00010 |
| MSC, Firm        | E-2       | \$0.00010 |
| MSD, Firm        | E-2       | \$0.00010 |
| Residential      | E-1       | \$0.00011 |
| Outdoor Lighting | E-3       | \$0.00011 |

Adjustment in \$/kWh to all firm kWh, beginning with bills rendered on 12/27/2006 and lasting for three consecutive billing periods. See current electric rate tariffs at <a href="www.mlgw.com">www.mlgw.com</a> for description of electric load specifications per TVA Rate Class.



#### **Important Contact Information:**

Commercial Resource Center:

Monday-Friday

7:30am to 5:00pm Central Phone: 901-528-4270 Fax: 901-528-4547 E-mail: crc@mlgw.org

Emergency: 901-528-4465

Outage: 901-544-6500

For residential customers and commercial customers with electric demand less than 5,000 kW, the FCA charge is included in the electric charges total, with the FCA per unit amount listed below—as the PGA is currently printed. (See sample bill image at right.) The FCA does not affect electric demand charges, but will affect flat-rate services, such as MLGW's Leased Outdoor Lighting.

| Previous Balance<br>Payments Received   |   |   |                    | \$ 164.95<br>164.95 |       | Service: Days of Service 30  |
|---|---|---|--------------------|---------------------|-------|--|
| GAS<br>G-1 Residential Gas  | Read<br>9/15/06<br>1817   | lings<br>8/16/06<br>1798                          | Usage<br>19        | Amount              | Total | Average Utility Cost per Day: \$ 4.19  Average Temperature: 79  Billing Cycle: 16  Reader on Site: September 15, 2006 09:32:25  Next Reading Date: October 16, 2006  |
| includes Purchas  |   |   |                    | 20.80               | 28.96 | Contact:   |
| ELECTRIC<br>E-1 Residential Electric<br>includes TVA Fu   | 9/15/06<br>99795<br>el Cost Adjustme  | 8/16/06<br>98882<br>ent of 0.000000               | 913<br>0/kwh       | 71.98               | 71.98 | Non-MLGW See back of bill.  New Service Requests, 820–7878  Transfers, Disconnects and  Trouble/Maintenance  |
| WATER<br>W-1 Residential Water<br>9.25% Sales Tax   | 9/15/06<br>508  | 8/16/06<br>505                                    | 3                  | 4.81<br>0.44        | 5.25  | Billing Inquiries, 544-MLGW (6549)<br>Payment Arrangements and<br>Service Reconnects<br>Hours: Monday - Friday 7AM - 9PM   |
| OTHER MLGW Leased Outdoor Lighting includes TVA Fu fou are billed for Leased Outdoor Le for maintenance, call 320–1498. F | 9/18/06<br>el Cost Adjustme<br><del>ighting service.</del><br>or information on t | 8/17/06<br>ent of 0.000000<br>his service, call 5 | 0 /kwh<br>28-4548. | 6.71                | 6.71  | Pay Online! www.mlgw.com Pay By Phone! 1-888-589-4868  Due to projected increases in natural gas prices nationwide, MLGW again encourages our customers to be prepared for higher heating bills this winter. For tips on controlling energy costs, visit our website at ywww.mlgw.com or call 544-MLGW for a brochure. |

### **Energy Edge** will report the FCA as it changes.

The adjustor also will be available in the rates section of <a href="www.mlgw.com">www.mlgw.com</a>, where the existing Purchased Gas Adjustment (PGA) fee is published each month.

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