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Press Release

MG&E Lowers Electric & Gas Adjustment

Customers will save on heating and power costs in time for winter.

Middleborough, MA, October 12, 2006: Middleborough Gas & Electric Department officials announced today that the fuel charge on all electric and natural gas customer bills will drop effective November 1st. The electric fuel charge which appears as the Electric Adjustment Factor will drop by a half cent to 6.65 cents per kilowatt hour. The residential customer using the low average of 500 kilowatt hours per month will save \$2.50 for a new average bill of about \$65. The customer using the more typical average of 750 kilowatt hours per month will save \$3.75 with a new bill of about \$95.

The natural gas fuel charge which appears on the bill as the Gas Adjustment Factor will drop by 15 cents per hundred cubic feet (CCF) for a new charge of 89.24 cents per CCF. The average residential heating customer using 900 CCF per year will see a savings of \$135 annually. Heating customers generally use about 200 CCF per winter month and will save about \$30 per month this winter as compared to last winter's bills for a new typical average monthly bill of just over \$315.

The PPA and PGA fuel charges reflect a pass-through to customers of the wholesale cost of electricity and natural gas purchased by the Department. The PPA (for electric charges) was dropped in May this year after a decline in the wholesale cost of electricity. The natural gas PGA charges, however, have stayed constant since an increase last October.

"Natural gas prices are stabilizing enough that we have locked in much of our winter needs," said General Manager Jim Collins. "Our purchasing strategy is helping us mitigate the speculation in gas markets. As long as we don't see a deep freeze this year, we're pretty confident that these charges will stay stable for the heating season."

MG&E serves over 14,000 electric customers in Middleborough and Lakeville and over 4,500 natural gas customers in Middleborough.