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# Press Release

When it Comes to a Holiday Discount, Think Early!

Commission approves ten percent discount for residents in December bills to help with the celebration.

Middleborough, November 15, 2010: Just as the holiday music starts to play before Thanksgiving, MG&E customers are getting a break from their electric and natural gas expenses before the holiday arrives. At their recent meeting, Department Commissioners voted unanimously to grant an additional ten percent discount for all electric and natural gas **residential** customers in Middleborough and Lakeville. This holiday tradition discounts the customer and energy charges – exclusive of the Purchase Power and Purchase Gas charges – for usage billed in December. It is the Department's way of sharing their successful operation directly with their customers and helping enthusiastic residents lighten up their holiday celebration costs. In fact, the savings for the average residential customer using 750 kilowatt hours per month will be over five dollars, covering the cost of lighting ten 100-light strings of holiday lights.

Customers will find the notice about the discount on the bill telling them to simply pay the bill because the discount is already applied and added to the Prompt Payment Discount. Customers must pay their bills in full by the due date listed in order to take advantage of this extra savings.

Customers can also save on their holiday lighting costs and learn more about saving energy in their homes this season by logging onto the Department's website ([www.MGandEonline.com](http://www.MGandEonline.com)) and clicking on "Contact Us" to request a brochure of energy and dollar saving tips for lighting up their home for the holidays.

The Middleborough Gas & Electric Department is a public utility, owned by the town of Middleborough and serving about 5,000 gas customers in Middleborough and over 14,500 electric customers in Middleborough and Lakeville.

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