



The ERPUD Underground

“Fuel for Thought”

Spring 2001
Published Quarterly

Elk River Public Utility District – “Your Hometown Natural Gas Provider Since 1955.”
217 South Jackson Street • Phone 931 455-9311 • Fax 931 455-3187 • www.erpud.com

INSIDE...

Heating
Degree-Days

Main Repairs
& Extensions

Water Heating
Energy Tips

Greetings from Your Neighborhood Natural Gas Provider!

Elk River Public Utility District is proud to be your natural gas utility and wants you to know that we appreciate your choice to use America’s most efficient energy system. The District was created in 1955 and now serves over 14,000 customers in Manchester, Tullahoma, Winchester, Decherd, Estill Springs, Cowan, Sewanee, Midway, and AEDC.

You can count on us to deliver safe, clean, and efficient natural gas energy and related services to those within our service area and to meet and exceed your expectations.

We currently maintain approximately 600 miles of natural gas mains throughout our extensive service area. The District maintains its operations and expands its services from the sale of natural gas and related services on a not for profit basis.

Elk River Public Utility District is an active member of the many communities we serve and is proud to take part in supporting various organizations and events including chamber of commerce forums and events, county fairs, the National Builders Association, and the Special Olympics.



“Conservation is a state of harmony between men and land.” – Aldo Leopold

Did you know?

We offer appliance sales, service, & installation along with 24-hour emergency water heater installations.

DOUBLE REBATES\$!! DOUBLE REBATES\$!!

Double Rebates will apply to qualifying installations of the following natural gas appliances:

WATER HEATERS
OUTDOOR LIGHTING
DRYERS
RANGES



\$300
\$200
\$50
\$50

This special offer is good through July 31st 2001 and applies to qualifying appliance installations completed or requested by this date. We offer professional installations of all natural gas appliances and free safety inspections of installations completed by your contractor. Please call for additional details.

1/2 OFF TAP FEE!

Tell your neighbor!

Tell a friend!

In addition to double rebates we are also offering 1/2 OFF the price of any residential or small commercial natural gas tap!

Applications received by 4:30p.m. July 31st will save \$125 on the first 100’ of service line installed.

Standard Tap Fee is \$250 for up to 100’ of service. An additional meter connection fee will apply.

Call for details!

Heating Degree-days

A heating degree-day is basically a measure of how cold it has been.

When heating a space, fuel demand varies according to how cold it is. Degree-day units were developed to help in estimating the heat requirements and fuel costs for a building.

When the outside air is above a certain temperature no heat is required. This is what we refer to as a base temperature. 65° F is used as the base temperature for calculating heating degree-days.

If you take the average daily temperature and subtract it from 65° F you can determine your degree-days. Each degree accounts for one degree-day.

If today's High temperature is 50° F and the Low is 30° F our average daily temperature is 40° F. Subtract 40° F from 65° F and you will see that there are 25 degree-days for today.

Heating costs are directly proportional to the number of degree-days in a year.

Heating Degree Days for Tullahoma 2000

Jan	780
Feb	480
Mar	303
Apr	239
May	10
Jun	4
Jul	0
Aug	0
Sep	36
Oct	121
Nov	515
Dec	1041
Total	3529

Average Heating Degree-days around the U.S.

Barrow, AK 20,370 Kansas City, MO 5,326 Yuma, AZ 983 Key West, FL 68 Hilo, HI 0

Maximize your Savings!

If your current usage is residential and for heat only, you can qualify for our lower year-round rate by having any year-round appliance installed.

- Natural Gas Appliances =**
- Greater Energy Efficiency
 - Dependability
 - Reduced Energy Cost
 - A Cleaner Environment

Pull the Plug on Cold Showers



A natural gas water heater provides you with lots of hot water at one-third the operating cost of an electric unit. With an efficient, maintenance-free natural gas water heater there are no more heating elements to replace, lower electric bills, and no more cold showers.

Water Heating Savings Tips

- Insulate hot water pipes whenever possible.
- Fix leaking water fixtures promptly.
- Adjust your hot water thermostat to 120° F.
- Install flow controllers in showerheads
- Recommended flow rate is 2.5 gal/minute

Billing Dates

If You Live In:	& Your Account Prefix is:	Mailing Date	Due Date
Manchester / Hillsboro	M11 – M19 / H11	6 th	17 th
Winchester	W11 – W19	8 th	19 th
T-1 (Tullahoma West)	T11 – T19	16 th	27 th
Cowan	C11 – C21	24 th	5 th
T-2 (Tullahoma East)	T21 – T29	End of Month	10 th
Sewanee / Univ. of South	S11 – S12 / US1	End of Month	11 th
St. Andrews / Industrials	SA1 / CC1 – CCM	End of Month	11 th
Interruptible / Metered LP	IT1 – ITW / P11	End of Month	11 th

**Save Time & Postage
Ask About Automatic Bank Draft Bill Payment!**

Construction

Please pardon our progress.

We are constantly expanding and improving our service area to accommodate the demand for natural gas energy. We install approximately 25-30 miles of main extensions and replacements annually.

This past winter ERPUD replaced the gas main along Cedar Lane in Tullahoma between West Lincoln Street and Wilson Avenue. In doing so we eliminated an older main in need of repair while also increasing the flow capacity to this service area. Completion of this project is expected by the end of spring and will include tying in a few additional areas. These areas include West Grundy, West Moore Street, and part of Iris Circle.

Additional areas scheduled for improvement this summer are mains servicing the square in Winchester and portions of downtown Manchester.

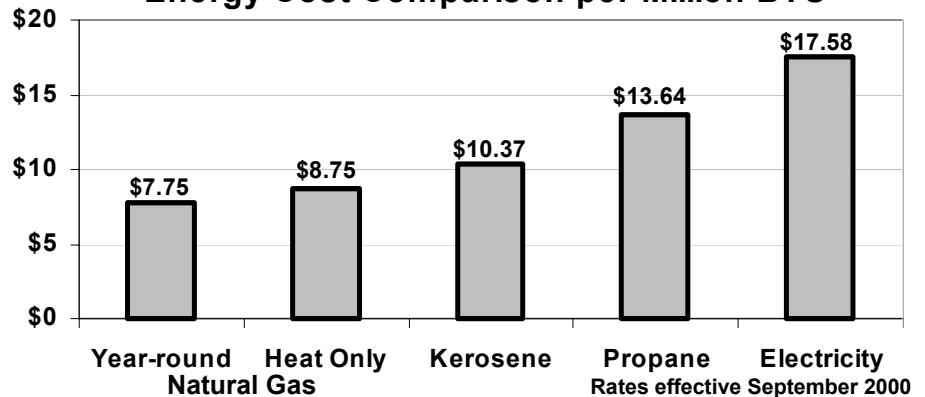
Natural Gas Main Extensions 2001

Growing to serve you better!

Tullahoma	Status
Ledford Mill Area	Currently In Progress*
East Lincoln Street	Anticipate Mid-summer Completion
Winchester	
Winchester Square	Anticipate Mid-summer Completion
Lee Ford Estates	Anticipate Mid-summer Completion
Pine Bluff	Anticipate Mid-summer Completion
Manchester	
Old Bushy Branch Rd.	Anticipate Mid-summer Completion
Manchester Hills	Anticipate Mid-summer Completion
Sewanee	
Cooley's Rift	Anticipate Spring Completion

*Anticipate Mid-summer Completion

Energy Cost Comparison per Million BTU



Kitchen Creations

Mexican Chicken

2 cups cooked or canned chicken
 1 10.5 oz can cream of mushroom soup
 1 10.5 oz can cream of chicken soup
 1 large onion diced

1 (4.5 oz) can chopped green chilies
 1½ cups grated cheddar cheese
 1 (10 oz) package tortilla chips
 1 (8 oz) carton sour cream

Place tortilla chips in a 9 x 13 baking dish.
 Cut chicken into bite size pieces and place on top of chips.
 Evenly distribute onions over chicken layer.
 Mix soups, chilies and sour cream to make a sauce. Pour over all.
 Top with grated cheddar cheese.
 Bake at 350° for 30 minutes.

tip: To save energy when baking, preheat your oven only if the recipe requires it.

What's cooking at your house?

If you have a favorite recipe that you would like to share mail it to:

ERPUD (recipe)
 P.O. Box 970
 Tullahoma, TN 37388

Submissions will be selected randomly. Please include your name and daytime number in case we have any questions.

Did you know?

Americans purchase an average of 100 cans of Campbell's Soup every second of every day in the month of January.

Do your spring improvements include adding trees and shrubs to your landscape or installing a new fence or pool? If so, please remember to:



CALL BEFORE YOU DIG!

1-800-351-1111

TENNESSEE ONE –CALL SYSTEM, INC.

How are we doing?

Are you pleased with the service you receive from Elk River Public Utility District? That's our goal. If you have any suggestions for improving our service, we'd like to hear them. Please call or write us with your ideas.

Special Dates:

Our offices will be closed in observance of:

Memorial Day

Monday, May 28th

Please feel free to use our after hours depositories to make your payments.

If you have an emergency, our dispatchers will be on duty to answer your call.

**Don't forget
Mother's Day,
Sunday, May 13th**

Weather Wise



	Monthly Temperatures 100 Year Averages			Average Rainfall in Inches
	High	Low	Mean	
Jan	49.3	29.6	39.4	5.32
Feb	52.3	31.2	41.6	5.00
May	61.6	38.7	50.1	6.06
Apr	71.1	46.7	59.0	4.85
May	78.8	54.5	66.7	4.33
Jun	85.8	62.4	74.1	4.04
Jul	88.3	65.8	77.1	4.95
Aug	87.7	64.9	76.3	3.81
Sep	83.0	59.0	70.9	3.43
Oct	72.8	46.8	59.6	3.23
Nov	60.4	37.4	48.9	4.18
Dec	51.0	31.6	41.4	5.48

Management

Mack Hulvey
General Manager

Mike Gundersen
Manager of Marketing

Eddie Moffitt
Manager of Operations

Helen Van Patten
Comptroller

Commissioners

John Greeter	Manchester
George Orr	Tullahoma
Cowan Simmons	Winchester

**Smell Gas?
Call 455-9311
or 967-2110**

**Your Safety is
our Priority**

24-Hour Emergency Service

Our trained technicians are available to assist you with natural gas leaks, disturbed or broken gas lines, equipment problems, carbon monoxide calls, and other potential natural gas emergencies that may arise.

**Peace of Mind
Since 1955**

**24-Hour
Emergency
Service**

Elk River Public Utility District
P.O. Box 970 • 217 South Jackson St
Tullahoma, TN 37388
www.erpud.com

PRESORTED
STANDARD
U.S. POSTAGE PAID
TULLAHOMA, TN
PERMIT NO. 50

