



# The ERPUD Underground

"Fuel for Thought"

Spring 2006

Elk River Public Utility District – "Your Hometown Natural Gas Provider Since 1955."  
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## FREE WATER HEATERS !!!

### Check it out!

The government is offering a \$300 tax credit if you install a tankless water heater. Rinnai has a link that can give you all the details. That's \$300 from ERPUD and \$300 from the government if you install a tankless water heater. Use this link to find out more details.

[www.okaloosagas.com/appliances/Rinnai-tax-credit-info.cfm](http://www.okaloosagas.com/appliances/Rinnai-tax-credit-info.cfm)

It's not a misprint- you read it right- **FREE WATER HEATERS!!!** From May 1<sup>st</sup> – August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2006 when you install a New 40 or 50 gallon water heater from Elk River Public Utility District- it's on us! The only cost to you is labor, materials and any applicable taxes. That's it! That is over \$300 savings to you our valued customer. Call our office and we will be happy to give you a free estimate. Gas to gas change outs do not apply to the special.

Additional charges will apply for larger capacity or specialty water heaters. New homebuilders can also benefit from this offer! Call 455-9311 in Tullahoma, 728-3332 in Manchester or 967-3642 in Winchester for additional information and your free estimate today! Visit us at [www.erpud.com](http://www.erpud.com) for all our summer promotions!

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## Double Rebates

Will apply to qualifying installations of the following residential natural gas appliances:

<b>POOL HEATERS</b>	<del>\$150</del>	<b>\$300</b>
<b>OUTDOOR LIGHTING</b>	<del>\$100</del>	<b>\$200</b>
<b>DRYERS</b>	<del>\$25</del>	<b>\$50</b>
<b>RANGES</b>	<del>\$25</del>	<b>\$50</b>

This special offer is good May 1<sup>st</sup> through August 31<sup>st</sup> 2006. Appropriate paperwork must be dated during the promotion period to qualify. We offer professional installations of most natural gas appliances & free safety inspections of installations completed by your contractor. Please call for additional details.

## To our valued customers!

Spring is here! On behalf of everyone at ERPUD we want to take this opportunity to thank you for your business, and we look forward to serving you in the future.

The winter season of 2005-2006 was certainly challenging. Hurricanes Katrina and Rita had a devastating impact on energy supplies in the Gulf region. Fortunately the natural gas infrastructure in the Gulf has recovered from 100% of daily shut-in during the hurricanes to approximately 10%-15% shut-in to date.

While we had significant supply challenges, ERPUD provided 100% of our customer's requirements during the winter season. Since November 2005, our customer's cost of natural gas has dropped 20%. We anticipate continued price reductions as natural gas supplies increase to meet the tremendous market demand.

Even as natural gas prices decrease, electric prices continue to go up. Recent media reports cite natural gas prices as part of the reason for the increased cost of electricity. This is extremely ironic and here's why! Many people don't realize it takes approximately 3 units of natural gas to produce 1 unit of electricity. That means 2/3 of the natural gas energy is wasted, just to generate the electricity. This doesn't count the waste due to transmission, distribution, etc. The natural gas industry has been working for years to curb the appetite of these enormous energy consumers. Over the last 10 years, natural gas has been the exclusive fuel for new power generation, and it looks like this trend will continue. Generating power with natural gas has placed a tremendous strain on natural gas supplies, and it is a major factor in the rising costs of natural gas!

Everyone needs electricity, but we must all work together to utilize our valuable resources more efficiently. When we consider the Total Energy Cycle, we find that using natural gas directly for heating, water heating, drying, and cooking is more efficient than using comparable electric equipment.

**Millions of Americans rely on clean, efficient natural gas to fuel homes and workplaces, with no thought about the vast network of pipelines that criss-cross the country transporting this abundant source of clean energy from the wellhead to the burner tip. The companies that build and operate interstate natural gas pipelines have created the safest mode of transportation today. It is safer than highway, rail, airborne, and waterborne transport. The interstate natural gas pipeline industry is spending millions of dollars each year on research and new technologies to make their systems increasingly safer.**



## Free Safety Inspections

We offer free natural gas safety inspections to insure your natural gas equipment has been installed in accordance with applicable safety codes, etc. Please contact our office and a qualified technician will come out to review your installation.

*Thanks for choosing  
Natural Gas!*

**HALF OFF THE TAP FEE  
WAS \$250 NOW \$125**

**SIGN UP FOR A NEW GAS SERVICE  
MAY 1<sup>ST</sup> THROUGH AUGUST 31<sup>ST</sup>  
FOR YOUR EXISTING HOME AND  
ONLY PAY HALF OF THE REGULAR  
TAP FEE !!!**



*Safe!  
Efficient!  
Dependable!  
Natural Gas!*

**Quick Fact:** Natural Gas is comprised mainly of methane. By itself, methane is odorless, colorless, and tasteless. An odorant is added to natural gas that smells like rotten eggs making natural gas easier to detect.

# Construction

NOTICE

*Please pardon our progress.*

We are continuously 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.

### Clean up

After a new main or service is installed, you can rest assured that you'll see us again! Weather permitting, we will return within 4 to 6 weeks to perform clean up and restoration of any areas affected by the installation of natural gas lines. Should further settling occur, please feel free to notify us and we'll gladly return!

**Quick Fact:** If your current usage is residential and for heat only, you can lower your rate by adding a year-around appliance.



## Natural Gas Pipeline Projects

Growing to serve you better!

Coffee County

W.Grundy Street	Completed
Highland Subdivision	Completed
Hickory St.	Completed

Franklin County

Hwy 50	In progress
Fanning Bend	In progress
Cook Road	Completed
Fairview Estates	In progress

When taking advantage of your bank's electronic bill payment plan, please remember that Elk River Public Utility District receives the payment from a third party vendor through the mail. In some cases, your payment actually arrives in our office after the past due date reflected on your natural gas bill.

If you would like to process your payment electronically, automated clearing house (bank draft) is available. This option saves time and money by posting your payment by the due date and avoiding unexpected delays. Please call our office to take advantage of this efficient, time saving option.

## Kitchen Creations



### Cheesy Broccoli

- 2 lbs. fresh broccoli
- 2 tbs. unsalted butter
- 1/4 cup chopped celery
- 1/4 pound fresh mushrooms, sliced
- 1/4 cup chopped onion
- 1 (10 3/4 oz.) can cream of mushroom soup
- 1/2 lb. Velveeta, softened
- 1/2 tsp. garlic salt
- 1/4 tsp. black pepper

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Butter a 9 x 13 inch casserole dish. Steam broccoli until tender. Sauté the celery, mushrooms, and onion with butter then drain. Combine the veggies in a bowl. Heat the soup and softened cheese in a sauce pan and add to broccoli mixture. Add garlic salt and pepper. Add all contents into buttered casserole dish and bake for 20-25 minutes. Sprinkle the top with the cheddar the last 5 minutes of baking.

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*"Your Hometown Natural Gas Provider Since 1955."*

## 24-Hour Emergency Service

**Smell Gas?  
Please Call  
Immediately!  
(931) 455-9311  
(931) 967-2110**

Our trained technicians are always available to assist you with natural gas leaks, disturbed or broken gas lines, equipment problems, carbon monoxide, or other potential natural gas emergencies. If you believe an emergency may exist, please don't hesitate, call us immediately.

**Peace of Mind  
Since 1955**

**Your Safety is  
our #1 Priority**

Do your home 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.  
IT'S THE LAW!

### *How are we doing?*

Customer satisfaction is our goal. Are you pleased with the service you receive from Elk River Public Utility District?

If you have suggestions for improving our service, we'd like to hear them. Please call, write, or email us with your ideas.

### Dates to Remember:

Day Light Savings Time  
Begins April 2<sup>nd</sup>

Good Friday, April 14<sup>th</sup>

Easter, April 16<sup>th</sup>

Mother's Day, May 14<sup>th</sup>

Armed Forces Day,  
May 20<sup>th</sup>

Memorial Day, May 29<sup>th</sup>

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### *Keep Your Natural Gas Grill in Top Shape!*

**Routine maintenance will assure you of great grilling. Remove and clean cooking grids and burner, check orifices for blockages, replace lava rock or briquettes as necessary.**

### Management Team

Mike Gundersen  
*General Manager*

Eddie Moffitt  
*Manager of Operations*

Stacey L. Duckworth  
*Comptroller*

### Commissioners

John Greeter      Manchester  
George Orr        Tullahoma  
Cowan Simmons    Winchester

**We're proud to be your Hometown Natural Gas Provider since 1955.  
We appreciate your business and look forward to the opportunity to serve you!**