



News for our Mississippi Customers

## Entergy Mississippi Honored with Military Award

ESGR state chapter presents utility patriot award for support of employee service members

Entergy Mississippi, Inc. was recently honored with a Seven Seals patriot award from the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserves in recognition of the company's support of employees serving in the National Guard and Army Reserve.

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## Lower Fuel Costs Shrink Entergy Mississippi Bills Nearly 14 Percent

Reduction effective through first quarter of 2009

Thanks to a continued decline in natural gas prices, customers of Entergy Mississippi, Inc. will ring in the new year with lower electric bills. From January through March, the typical residential bill will drop another 14 percent.

The first quarter fuel adjustment, approved by the Mississippi Public Service Commission, is the third such reduction since a nationwide spike in natural gas prices pushed bills up 28 percent last July and August. This decrease effectively wipes out the summer increase, leaving rates about 32 percent lower than they were in mid-summer.

Based on the latest adjustment, typical residential customers using 1,000 kilowatt hours a month will pay about \$89 for the first quarter of 2009 compared to bills from July and August when the same amount cost nearly \$133.

After skyrocketing more than 120 percent since mid 2007, natural gas prices began falling in late July 2008.

"This fuel adjustment provides further relief to customers, which is especially important during these tough economic times," said Haley Fisackerly, president and chief executive officer of Entergy Mississippi, Inc. "We're cautiously optimistic that natural gas prices will continue to decrease in

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## Entergy Charitable Foundation Awards More than \$68,000 to Mississippi Organizations

Third and Final Round of Grants Foundation to Provide in 2008

Mississippians will have more opportunities for improved education, job-training and quality housing for low-income families, thanks to more than \$68,000 in grants that have been awarded to area organizations through the Entergy Charitable Foundation.

Among the winners in the corporation's third round of grants for 2008 are programs supported by the:

- Boys & Girls Club of the Mississippi Delta,
- Habitat for Humanity- Metro Jackson,

- Hinds Community College,
- Mississippi Council on Economic Education,
- Mississippi State University Foundation,
- New Stage Theatre,
- Parents for Public Schools of Jackson
- and the Mid-South Community Development Corporation.

"These grants support a number of programs that address Mississippi's most serious needs," said Liz Brister, manager of external

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"There is no greater sacrifice for the safety and sustainability of our nation than through service in the Armed Forces." said Fisackerly. "I am humbled and honored to receive this recognition on behalf of Entergy Mississippi."

The national office in Washington, D.C., issues a limited number of awards based on the recommendations of each respective state office. In order to receive the award, the employer must be nominated by an employee of the company. The employee submits a narrative in his or her nomination describing the ways the company supports employees who are members of the National Guard and Reserves.

ESGR is a Department of Defense organization. The group provides free education, consultation and, if necessary, mediation for employers of Guard and Reserve employees. ESGR's goal is to support

America's employers who share their employees with the nation to ensure our national security.

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affairs for Entergy Mississippi, Inc. "We feel that these grants are worthy investments in the future of our state, especially with the financial hardships that many of these organizations face in a troubled economy."

One of the recipients, Parents for Public Schools of Jackson, will use the grant to fund the "From the Schoolhouse to the Statehouse" project, which will help organize, train and mobilize parents to become active advocates for better public schools.

Also in Jackson, the Mid-South Community Development Corporation will use grant money to help fund the Georgetown Sub-division Project, which will provide 51 new and affordable homes for low- to moderate-income families.

In Grenada, the Boys & Girls Club of the Mississippi Delta will use the grant for youth programs that support career training and college preparation, while Hinds Community College in Raymond will offer "Entergy Excellence in Education" scholarships to students with the grant award.

"Our goal is to strengthen the communities we serve, and that often means providing financial support to groups that don't have all the resources they need to meet vital needs in their own communities," Brister said. "It's always a challenge to choose grant recipients because there are so many outstanding programs being offered in Mississippi."

The Entergy Charitable Foundation is a private, not-for-profit foundation that is wholly funded by Entergy Corporation. The foundation's purpose is to help low-income families and individuals escape poverty by providing them with tools such as education, job training and placement, literacy, affordable housing and building assets.

The Foundation accepts applications three times a year. For more information and to access an application form from the Entergy Charitable Foundation, look under "Our Community/Corporate and Foundation Giving" on the company Web site at [www.entergy.com](http://www.entergy.com).

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2009, or at least become less volatile. This energy crisis is a nationwide challenge, and we're continually working to find solutions that will benefit customers and provide long-term stability in our rates."

After skyrocketing more than 120 percent since mid 2007, natural gas prices began falling in late July 2008. Entergy Mississippi filed for an unprecedented mid-quarter adjustment with the MPSC that resulted in a 9.6 percent reduction in customers' September bills. That was followed by another 9 percent drop when the utility filed for the final quarter of 2008.

Currently, natural gas prices are still higher than in 2007 and could rise again in this volatile market, creating a negative impact on future customer bills. While Entergy Mississippi uses a diverse fuel mix to generate electricity at the lowest reasonable cost, natural gas is the utility's largest fuel source.

Entergy Mississippi makes routine quarterly fuel filings with the Mississippi Public Utilities Staff and the MPSC to recover costs of fuel used to provide electric service to customers. Both the staff and commission have 45 days prior to the start of the affected quarter to review the filing and make changes before it goes into effect. By law, the utility makes no profit on fuel charges.

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