



Entergy Mississippi Customers' Bills Likely to Remain Level through June

Utility files fuel adjustment for second quarter of 2009

Customers of Entergy Mississippi, Inc. will likely see little change in their electric bills from April through June.

The company recently submitted its routine quarterly fuel adjustment to the staff of the Mississippi Public Service Commission. The submittal shows

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typical residential customers using 1,000 kilowatt hours per month will pay about \$88.32, beginning April 1. Typical monthly residential bills for the first quarter of 2009 are \$89.32.

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Entergy Mississippi, Community Advocates Urge Congress to Help Mississippians

Delegates participate in LIHEAP Action Day in Washington, D.C.

Employees of Entergy Mississippi, Inc., community advocates and a struggling single mom were on Capitol Hill recently to tell Mississippi's congressmen about the urgent need for LIHEAP funds.

The Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program is the chief resource for the elderly, disabled and working poor who need help paying their gas and electric bills.

People desperately need the help LIHEAP provides. Parents should not be forced to choose between their thermostat and buying enough food for their children.

The Mississippi delegation was joined by Entergy employees and advocates from Louisiana, Texas and Arkansas, and some 200 others for LIHEAP Action Day.

Participants asked Congress to either increase funding for LIHEAP or keep it at the current level of \$5.1 billion. Last year, Congress fully funded LIHEAP for the first time. This resulted in \$43 million for Mississippi recipients this year, or about a 160 percent increase.

However, the record appropriation still only covers about one of every four eligible recipients.

"Increased funding is needed for LIHEAP to help the growing number of first-time applicants who have fallen victim to the recession," said Liz Brister, manager of external affairs for Entergy Mississippi, Inc. "It's clear that people

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Independent Audit Finds Entergy Mississippi's Fuel Practices in Customers' Best Interests

Utility welcomes results, pledges to review findings

An independent audit commissioned by the Mississippi Public Service Commission shows many of Entergy Mississippi, Inc.'s fuel procurement and adjustment practices are sound and in customers' best interests.

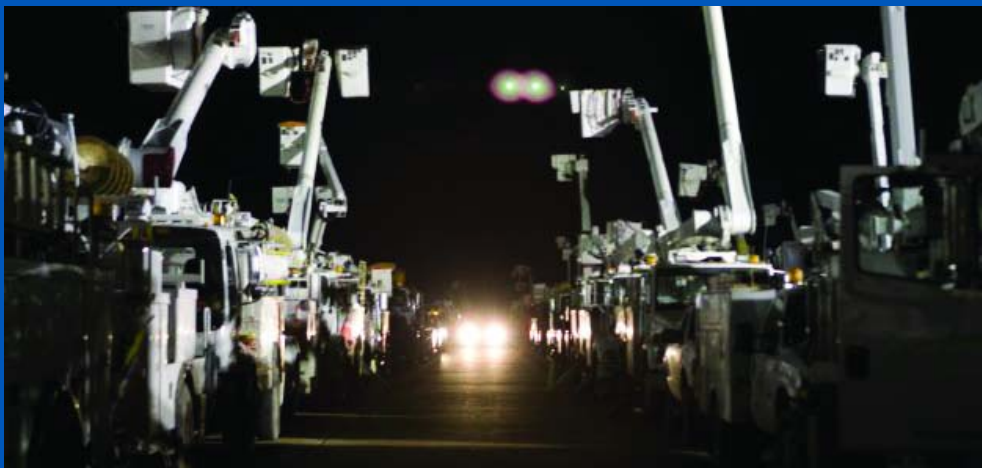
Entergy Mississippi regards the report as an important assessment of the company's business practices and pledges to review it

carefully. The report was conducted by noted independent energy expert Walter Drabinski, president of Vantage Consulting, Inc. and a 27-year veteran of the energy and utility industry.

"Overall, we're encouraged by the findings," said Dorman Davis, manager of regulatory affairs for Entergy Mississippi, Inc. "The way

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Entergy Mississippi Sends Workers to Arkansas, Kentucky



It's been a busy storm season for Entergy Mississippi crews! More than 200 workers helped restore power to victims of Arkansas' nasty ice storm. Two days after their return, a crew of 60-plus headed to Kentucky after wind storms knocked out power in the Midwest. Entergy participates in mutual assistance agreements with utility companies across the country.

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same amount of electricity cost nearly \$133. That's a savings of nearly \$45.

"This is encouraging news for our customers and our company," said Haley Fisackerly, president and chief executive officer for Entergy Mississippi, Inc. "However, we're still in a national energy crisis and fuel costs are still high.

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Few understand that better than Victoria Seals of Jackson. A LIHEAP grant helped the mother of two pay her energy bills while she finished getting a college degree.

"At Jackson State University, I was required to complete various volunteer hours to earn my degree in social work," Seals told reporters at a Capitol Hill news conference. "There just wasn't enough time in the day for me to meet that requirement, finish school, take care of my children and hold down a full-time job."

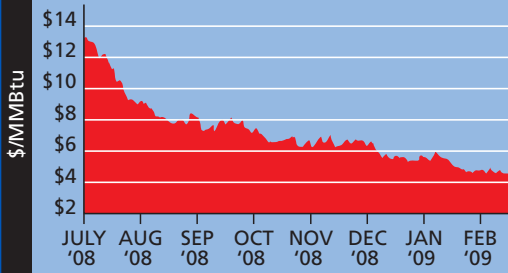
"Without LIHEAP, it would have been impossible for me to finish my internship and graduate when I did," she said. "It was the first time I've needed help like that, and it meant so much to me.

"It's not an entitlement program. It gave me the help I needed to get over a serious financial bump."

Seals said the Hinds County Human Resource Agency's LIHEAP program is much more than payment assistance.

"It's designed to help people move toward becoming self-sufficient," she said.

NATURAL GAS PRICES



"We're cautiously optimistic, because the market is volatile and fuel prices could spike again, causing customers' bills to rise."

Natural gas prices skyrocketed more than 120 percent between mid-2007 and mid-2008. Prices began falling last July, resulting in lower bills for customers.

Entergy Mississippi uses a diverse mix of fuel to generate electricity at the lowest reasonable cost. However, natural gas is the utility's largest fuel source. The cost of fuel is passed through to customers. By law, the company makes no profit on fuel charges.

The MPSC and the Mississippi Public Utilities Staff have 45 days before the start of the affected quarter to review the fuel adjustment submittal and make any changes.



Rep. Bennie Thompson (D-Miss.) of Mississippi's second congressional district (right) discusses funding LIHEAP with a delegation of Mississippi supporters. They are (from left) Rhonda Perry, Hinds County Human Resource Agency; Liz Brister, Entergy Mississippi, Inc.; Gloria Johnson, Entergy Mississippi, Inc. and Victoria Seals, LIHEAP recipient.

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we project fuel costs and true up fuel cost recoveries, provide the commission with sufficient fuel filing data and plan for Mississippi's future energy needs were all noted as practices that serve our customers well."

"We'll pay careful attention to the report's critique of our method for recovering fuel costs," said Davis. "Matters like these are under consideration at the commission and we'll continue to fully support their review."

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"This report shows the importance of review and analysis of the business practices of Mississippi utilities, as is conducted by the independent experts on the Mississippi Public Utilities Staff, as well as the commissioners," he said.

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