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Don't Forget to Register for March Training

OQ training will continue in March with a session on Meter Sets. Training will be held on Tuesday, March 23rd in Auburn and on Thursday, March 25th in Pinckneyville. The following tasks will be covered:

Installation of Customer Meters and Regulators - Residential and Commercial

Installing Customer Meters - Large Commercial and Industrial

All sessions begin at 8:30am and lunch is included. Be on the lookout for Brochures and Flyers or contact us for more information at 217-438-4642.

A RECAP OF 2009 NATURAL GAS PRICES

How time flies. 2009 is a distant image in our rearview mirror, but hopefully the natural gas price environment continues into the future.

Gas prices rang in the 2009 new year at \$5.971 last January after dropping from the summer high of \$13.577.

Prices hung around **\$4** in **February**, jumping to \$4.774 only briefly.

In March, prices dropped below \$4 and slid to the lower \$3 range into April.

By May prices fell to a 6 1/2 year low and expired at \$3.321.

Into **June** prices drove back to \$4 and continued in the \$3 range during **July**.

As August rolled through prices slid below \$3, and on September 4th prices hit rock bottom during the day at \$2.409.

October came in like a lion with prices moving above \$5 during the month due to the hype of a cold winter.

November brought prices back to the \$4 range briefly, but they moved back to \$5 by the end of the month.

And by year end, **December** showed us only 1 attempt to move above \$6 but kept prices in the \$5 range.

All in all 2009 produced a price range of \$2.409 to just above \$6. We can't complain, can we?



Pictured at the Missouri Municipal League Conference are (Back Row) Perryville Mayor Deborah Gahan, City Clerk Tracy Prost, (Front Row) Alderman Al Oliver, and City Administrator Brent Buerck. Alliance Water Resources was the wine sponsor at the Lake of the Ozarks conference.



At the MML Conference in Tan Tara; Fulton, Mo
- Alderman John Pautz, City Administrator Bill
Johnson, Assistant to the City Administrator Matt
Harline, Alderman Mike West, Alderman Wayne
Chailland, and seated is Village Clerk Carolyn
Laswell.

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IMGA Eligible Utility

Corn Belt Energy Corporation

2011 APGA Calendar - A Maybe...

Sales of the 2010 APGA calendar was far less than expected and the revenue was only one-tenth of what was originally budgeted. As a result, APGA will proceed with production of the 2011 calendar only if a minimum order commitment of 75,000 calendars is achieved. APGA asks you to respond with your order commitment no later than February

For planning purposes, assume the following calendar prices based on quantity: Suggested Retail Cost:

250 - 999 - \$1.99/calendar 1,000 - 4,999 - \$1.93/calendar 5,000 - 9,999 - \$1.88/calendar

10,000 and over - Negotiated price

If you want envelopes please add \$.05/calendar.

If your system is one of the many public gas systems that does not have a formalized marketing plan, the APGA calendar can be the one marketing initiative that costs little and pays big dividends in customer good-will. It can also potentially increase their usage of natural gas appliances in their homes.

Reply with your 2011 calendar order commitment by Feb 15, 2010 to Bob Beauregard at bbeauregard@apga.org or 202-464-2742.

SAVE THE DATE!

The IMGA Annual Meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 27th in Springfield, IL at the Northfield Inn & Suites.

The event is **FREE** and will include a breakfast & lunch buffet! Be on the lookout for more information.

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