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The changes (1) allow an additional propane furnace to substitute for a propane clothes dryer, if the house's gas piping includes a drop for a clothes dryer; and (2) a hard-wired electric generator is added to the list of eligible additional appliances.

The \$600 Star Home rebate is for a new-construction home with (a) one new propane water heater; (b) one new propane furnace; (c) a propane clothes dryer OR a second propane furnace and a gas drop for a propane clothes dryer; AND (d) any one of the following new propane appliances: range, cook top, oven, hard-piped grill, gas log or hard-wired generator.

The \$800 SuperStar Home rebate is for a new-construction home with (a) at least two new propane water heaters; (b) two new propane furnaces; (c) a propane clothes dryer OR a third propane furnace and a gas drop for a propane clothes dryer; AND (d) any one of the following new propane appliances: range, cook top, oven, hard-piped grill, gas log or hard-wired generator.

Rebate Update

Fiscal 2007 as of July 6, 2007

REBATE TYPE	REBATE AMOUNT	PAID	PENDING
Water heater--new construction	\$150	\$283,950	\$18,600
Water heater--electric replacement	\$300	\$48,150	\$4,200
Propane Star Home	\$550	\$136,400	\$11,550
Propane SuperStar Home	\$750	\$112,500	\$7,500
TOTAL CONSUMER REBATES		\$581,000	\$41,850

Rebate Amounts Will Increase September 1

At the recommendation of the AFRED Advisory Committee, the Railroad Commission has approved the following changes to the consumer rebate program. The changes will be effective for installations beginning September 1, 2007.

1. All rebates increase by \$50 from current amounts.

Rebate Type	Until Sept. 1	On and after Sept. 1
Water heater--new construction	\$150	\$200
Water heater--replace electric	\$300	\$350
All-propane ("Propane Star") home	\$550 or \$750	\$600 or \$800

2. Eligibility requirements expand for all-propane home rebates.

Monthly Employee Safety Meeting Materials

"We love it. Can't wait to do one next month," reports Melissa Burgess of Douglass Distributing.

"I think it helped the girls in the office who didn't grow up in the industry to learn what we look for when we do an out-of-gas call, as well as being a good refresher for the guys," she continued. "It generated lots of questions and a good discussion. The video was very helpful too. We're in the process of updating our company policy, and the materials will really help. AFRED rep Tracy Wells was very helpful in giving us examples of how other companies handle these situations. Through this, everyone in the company will know what our procedures are."

"And," Burgess added, "since our insurance does require monthly safety meetings, we now have a ready-made, year round source of material."

Marketers may download the meeting topic outlines, handouts and documentation forms at www.propane.tx.gov. Click on "Marketer Safety Meeting Outlines." Contact your area marketing rep if you'd like assistance.

Sign Up for the *Propane Insider* by E-Mail

Marketers who sign up for the *Propane Insider* by e-mail enjoy several advantages: (1) you receive it a week earlier, (2) you can store it on your computer for later reference, (3) you can copy articles and paste them into MS Word to use for customer bulletins and other company-specific announcements, and (4) using the most recent version of Adobe Acrobat Reader, you can search it for keywords. For example, if you remember you read something about composite cylinders, but can't remember exactly where, you can search for "composite cylinders" and find the article more quickly.

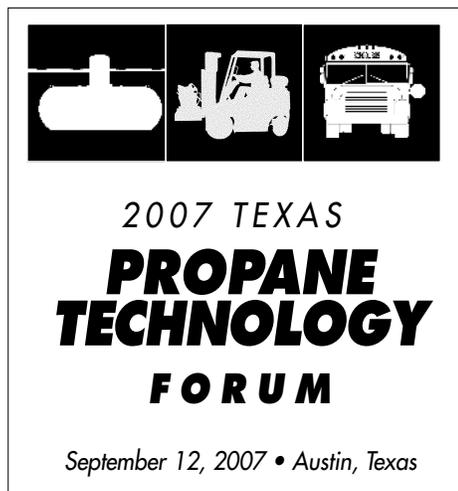
Contact your area marketing representative or call (800) 64-CLEAR to switch from "snail mail" to e-mail.

Save the Date: Wednesday, September 12

Are you interested in selling propane for home dehumidifiers, engine-driven gas air conditioners, poultry-house sterilizers, steam cultivators and many other new propane applications?

If so, the Fourth Annual Texas Propane Technology Forum is for you. This year's event will be held from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Wednesday, September 12, at Railroad Commission headquarters in Austin. This year's Forum is co-sponsored by AFRED, ASOCIMEX, the Propane Education & Research Council, Southwest Research Institute and the World LP-Gas Association.

Registration is free for all Texas propane marketers and their employees. To review the agenda and register online, visit AFRED's web site at www.propane.tx.gov. The site also has a map to the event and area hotel information.



IRS to Speak at Regulatory Compliance Course

Register online for the next 6.1 class, which will be held on September 13 at the Commission's downtown Austin headquarters. The class will explain how to claim the 80 percent propane vehicle tax credit, as well as provide updates from the Department of Transportation, Department of Public Safety, RRC Safety Division and other regulators on issues that affect the propane industry.

The course is free of charge and limited to Railroad Commission management-level LP-gas certificate holders. Attendees receive 8 hours of Railroad Commission continuing-education credit. To register online, go to www.rrc.state.tx.us, click on "Propane/LP-Gas Training and Certification," and select "Register Now."

AFRED Advisory Committee Nominations

Next month the Commission will appoint seven industry members and three consumer members to the AFRED advisory committee. New members' two-year terms begin September 1. Nominees must be willing and able to attend four meetings a year at their own expense.

The deadline for nominations is Friday, August 3. To nominate yourself, another marketer, a supplier or a propane consumer, go online to AFRED's home page at www.propane.tx.gov, click on "AFRED Advisory Committee" and select "Nominate a Candidate."

Category L License Reminder

A Railroad Commission Category L (Engine Fuel) license is required to sell or install LP-gas motor- or mobile-fuel systems that serve an engine rated at more than 25 horsepower, such as irrigation engines or large forklifts. A Category L license must be obtained before engaging in these LP-gas activities, in addition to any other LP-gas license that may have been issued.

Save Your Cash

Effective immediately, examination and training class fees may be paid by check, credit card (online only) or money order. AFRED no longer accepts cash.



PROPANE POINTERS

LPG Form 501

Each month AFRED's hunting-dog mascot points to a section of LP-gas code or standard that the Safety Division's LP-gas inspectors often find violated. The "point" of these articles is to facilitate compliance by reminding marketers about these requirements.

This month's article covers a safety violation that RRC inspectors cited 285 times in the last three years. The violation cited is Railroad Commission LP-Gas Safety Rule §9.101(b), relating to completion reports.

LPG Form 501, Completion Report, must be submitted to the Commission's Gas Services Division within 30 days of completing a commercial LP-gas installation that has an aggregate water capacity of less than 10,000 gallons. A Form 501 is not required for LP-gas installations at a single-family residence. Upon receipt of a properly completed LPG Form 501, the Safety Division will inspect the installation in accordance with the Division's risk management inspection schedule.

A non-refundable fee of \$10 is required for each ASME container and DOT cylinder installed at a stationary site, for each retail cylinder exchange storage rack, and for each forklift cylinder storage rack or installation listed on a Form 501. A non-refundable \$35 fee is required whenever the form must be resubmitted.

When additional stationary containers, retail cylinder exchange racks or forklift cylinder storage racks are installed at existing sites, an LPG Form 501 must be submitted and must include the applicable non-refundable \$10 fee. If you have questions regarding the submission of an LPG Form 501, please contact the Gas Services Division at (512) 463-6935.

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Delivery-Fee Collections

Collections through June 29 totaled \$1,863,193, which is 2 percent lower than the average of previous years' collections at that date. As of June 30, heating degree-days for Texas as a whole were 1 percent below (i.e., warmer than) normal levels for the 2006-2007 heating season.

Railroad Commission of Texas - AFRED Examination and Class Schedule, July-August 2007.

Walk-in exams every business day, 8 a.m.-12 noon, at 6506 Bolm Road, Austin 78721

Date	City	Course Title	Facility	Address	Exams
10-Jul	Austin	2.1 Dispenser Operations	RRC	6506 Bolm Road	Students only
11-Jul	Austin	Category F, G, I & J Mgmt - 2 days	RRC	6506 Bolm Road	-
16-Jul	Austin	1.1 Introduction to Propane	RRC	6506 Bolm Road	Students only
17-Jul	Wichita Falls	3.3 Appliance Conversion/Install	Wells Fargo Bank	2301 Kell Blvd.	Students only
17-Jul	El Paso	3.11 Residential System Inspection	RRC	401 Franklin Ave., Rm. 250	Students only
18-Jul	Garland	2.1 Dispenser Operations-FULL	U-Haul	12215 LBJ Frwy	Students only
18-Jul	Wichita Falls	3.2 Residential System Installation	Wells Fargo Bank	2301 Kell Blvd.	Students only
18-Jul	El Paso	2.1 Dispenser Operations	RRC	401 Franklin Ave., Rm. 570	Students only
19-Jul	Garland	EXAMS ONLY	RRC	1546 Rowlett Rd.	8:00 a.m.
19-Jul	Wichita Falls	EXAMS ONLY	RRC	901 Indiana Ave. Suite 600	8:00 a.m.
19-Jul	El Paso	EXAMS ONLY	RRC	401 Franklin Ave., Rm. 570	8:00 a.m.
24-Jul	Houston	2.1 Dispenser Operations-FULL	U-Haul	8518 Hwy 6 South	Students only
24-Jul	Amarillo	3.11 Residential System Inspection	TxDOT	5715 Canyon Drive	NO EXAMS
24-Jul	Kilgore	3.3 Appliance Conversion/Install	RRC	619 Henderson Blvd	Students only
25-Jul	Houston	2.1 Dispenser Operations	U-Haul	8518 Hwy 6 South	Students only
25-Jul	Kilgore	2.1 Dispenser Operations	RRC	619 Henderson Blvd	Students only
25-Jul	Amarillo	2.1 Dispenser Operations	TxDOT	5715 Canyon Drive	NO EXAMS
26-Jul	Houston	EXAMS ONLY	TxDOT	7721 Washington, Main Bldg	8:00 a.m.
26-Jul	Kilgore	EXAMS ONLY	RRC	619 Henderson Blvd	8:00 a.m.
26-Jul	Amarillo	EXAMS ONLY	TxDOT	5715 Canyon Drive	8:00 a.m.
31-Jul	Austin	2.3 Delivery Truck Operations	RRC	6506 Bolm Road	Students only
31-Jul	Fort Worth	2.1 Dispenser Operations	U-Haul	3017 Alta Mesa Blvd	Students only
31-Jul	Harlingen	3.8 RV Gas Appliances	TCEQ	1804 W. Jefferson Ave.	NO EXAMS
1-Aug	Austin	3.3 Appliance Conversion/Install	RRC	6506 Bolm Road	Students only
1-Aug	Fort Worth	2.1 Dispenser Operations-FULL	U-Haul	3017 Alta Mesa Blvd	Students only
1-Aug	Harlingen	3.3 Appliance Conversion/Install	TCEQ	1804 W. Jefferson Ave.	NO EXAMS
2-Aug	Harlingen	EXAMS ONLY	TCEQ	1804 W. Jefferson Ave.	8:00 a.m.
7-Aug	Houston	3.11 Residential System Inspection	TxDOT	7721 Washington, Main Bldg	NO EXAMS
7-Aug	Austin	2.1 Dispenser Operations	RRC	6506 Bolm Road	Students only
7-Aug	Seminole	3.11 Residential System Inspection	K&S Steak House	2224 Hobbs Highway	Students only
8-Aug	Houston	3.3 Appliance Conversion/Install	TxDOT	7721 Washington, Main Bldg	NO EXAMS
8-Aug	Austin	Category F, G, I & J Mgmt - 2 days	RRC	6506 Bolm Road	-
8-Aug	Seminole	3.11 Residential System Inspection	K&S Steak House	2224 Hobbs Highway	Students only
9-Aug	Houston	EXAMS ONLY	TxDOT	7721 Washington, Main Bldg	8:00 a.m.
13-Aug	Austin	Category E Mgmt-Part I	RRC	6506 Bolm Road	-
14-Aug	El Paso	1.1 Introduction to Propane	RRC	401 Franklin Ave., Rm. 570	Students only
15-Aug	Mesquite	1.1 Introduction to Propane	TxDOT	4777 E Hwy. 80 - Dallas Room	NO EXAMS
15-Aug	El Paso	EXAMS ONLY	RRC	401 Franklin Ave., Rm. 570	8:00 a.m.
16-Aug	Garland	EXAMS ONLY	RRC	1546 Rowlett Rd.	8:00 a.m.
21-Aug	Odessa	3.8 RV Gas Appliances	TxDOT	3901 E. Highway 80	NO EXAMS
21-Aug	Corpus Christi	2.1 Dispenser Operations	RRC	10320 IH 37	NO EXAMS
22-Aug	Odessa	3.11 Residential System Inspection	TxDOT	3901 E. Highway 80	NO EXAMS
22-Aug	Corpus Christi	1.1 Introduction to Propane	RRC	10320 IH 37	NO EXAMS
23-Aug	Odessa	EXAMS ONLY	TxDOT	3901 E. Highway 80	8:00 a.m.
23-Aug	Corpus Christi	EXAMS ONLY	RRC	10320 IH 37	8:00 a.m.
27-Aug	Austin	Category E Mgmt-Part II	RRC	6506 Bolm Road	-
30-Aug	Houston	EXAMS ONLY	TxDOT	7721 Washington, Main Bldg	8:00 a.m.

Register online for exams or classes at www.rrc.state.tx.us. Click on "Training & Certification."
No examinations will be given out after 9:00 a.m.

For the latest schedule information about both exams and training/continuing education classes, go to www.rrc.state.tx.us. Click on "Class/Exam Schedule."

MARKETERS *MAKING NEWS*



AFRED's Bobby Wood showed his new prototype Parnell-converted propane pickup to area marketers Cary Tomerlin, Concho Propane; Courney Williams, Brady Butane; and Shawn Huffman, Meeder Equipment. AFRED is assisting with the EPA certification of the system for the Ford F-150 pickup.



J.R. Anderson of Gas Equipment and Bert Franz of Hill Country Propane explain how propane tanks can be stored underground in order to minimize the profile. The builder, Richard Laughlin, expressed his appreciation of AFRED's assistance in showcasing the latest propane appliances at the Progressive Farmer Idea House in Fredericksburg.



Douglass Distributing employees Melissa Burgess, Cheryl Martin, Carolina Torres, Kay Black, Sean Caney, Richard Andrews, Mike Tone, Danny Merriman, Les Potter, Milton Brown, Larry Goff and Charlee Van Patton greatly appreciated AFRED's new monthly employee training module. AFRED rep Tracy Wells was on hand as manager Charlie Cato reviewed safety procedures for Interruptions of Service.



AFRED's Dan Kelly confers with Advisory Committee Vice Chairman James Williams about consumer rebate changes beginning September 1. Looking on are Chairman Jay Briseno, All American Propane; Joe Green, Green's Blue Flame; and committee members Rick Maier, Independent Propane; Mike Merwarth, Clean Fuel USA; Doug Garrett, Building Performance & Comfort; Johnny Greenwood, City of Austin; and Mike Ross, Southwest Research Institute.



At Sewalt Butane, Mark Petross and Bob Huebner test-drove AFRED rep Bobby Wood's propane pickup. The bi-fuel vapor injection system is attractive to customers because of the fuel flexibility and the \$0.50 per gallon federal tax credit for propane. Bobby encourages interested marketers to call him if you'd like a test drive.



Schneider Distributing's John Walter estimates he donated "about this much" propane to balloonists to promote the Fiesta Del Concho Festival in San Angelo. AFRED's Bobby Wood helped recruit the local TV station to shoot footage of the TPGA/PERC hot air balloon during the festival.