

## Changes Can Lead to **Busy Times**

As we launch our new billing system, more customers than usual may be contacting us with questions. If you need information, or wish to turn service on or off. www.rge.com is the best way to send your request. Also, our automated phone line - 1.800.295.7323 offers account information, pay by phone, and meter reading services, with voice recognition or touch-tone for your convenience.

## New Online Services at www.rge.com

- Secure login for you and those you authorize.
- Online meter reading and payment, use and billing history.
- Ability to schedule a one-time electronic payment or enroll in paper-free billing.
- Automatic grouping of accounts under one login.

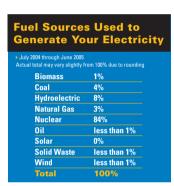
## New Voice-Activated Telephone Services

- Pay by phone.
- Tell us your meter reading
- Check your account balance.

### **Environmental Update**

Your electricity supplier is required to provide you with periodic environmental disclosure information on fuel sources and air emissions for the electricity supply purchased on your behalf.

- If you receive your electricity supply from RG&E, your environmental disclosure information is provided here. It is also available at **www.rqe.com**.
- If you receive your electricity supply from a supplier other than RG&E and your supplier's charges are included in your RG&E bill, your supplier's most recent environmental disclosure was included in a previous bill.
- If you buy electricity from a supplier other than RG&E, and are billed directly by your supplier, you should receive environmental disclosure information from your supplier.
- For more information on environmental disclosure, contact the New York Public Service Commission at 1.888.Ask.PSC1 (1.888.275.7721) or visit www.dps.state.nv.us.



the New York State Average		
▶ July 2	004 through June 2005	
	NYS Average	
	Sulfur Dioxide	(39% of avg.
(SO <sub>2</sub> )		
	Nitrogen Oxides	(20% of avg.
(NO <sub>x</sub> )		
	Carbon Dioxide	(19% of avg.
(CO <sub>2</sub> )		

RG&E's sources of electricity supply are cleaner than the New York State average.

# The Power of Your DOLLAR Can Help Those In Need

The Red Cross/RG&E Heating Fund is an energy assistance fund that helps eligible customers cope with unexpected energy emergencies. Nearly \$3.9 million has been distributed to more than 12,000 families since the program began in 1984. You can make sure the dollars are there to assist people this winter. There are three ways to contribute:



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- 1. Add exactly \$1, \$2, or \$5 to your next RG&E payment.
- 2. Send a check payable to Red Cross/RG&E Heating Fund to: American Red Cross, Greater Rochester Chapter, 50 Prince St., Rochester, NY 14607
- **3.** Through automatic giving have RG&E add a whole dollar amount to your future bills.

Important Notice >> We are adjusting our meter reading schedule through December. Your RG&E meter may be read on a different date than usual. Also, your bill may arrive and be due on a different date than usual. These changes will have no effect on your overall energy costs. Please take a moment to check the next meter reading date and bill due date printed on the enclosed bill.







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KEEPING YOU INFORMED



receiving your Voice Your Choice enrollment kit this month.

The enrollment period for the 2007 calendar year is from October 2 through 7 p.m. on December 29, 2006. You can purchase your electricity supply from RG&E or another energy supplier (also called an energy services company or ESCO).

Enrollment information is also available at www.rge.com.

If you do not make a choice by 7 p.m. December 29, you will be automatically enrolled in the variable price option of your current electricity supplier.

For more information about RG&E's Voice Your Choice program or a complete list of qualified energy suppliers, visit www.rge.com or call 1.800.RGE.VYCNow (1.800.743.8926).

# RG&E Is Your Energy **Delivery** Company

This program is required by New York State

Public Service Commission policy in order to

are being asked to select an electricity supply

further customer choice. RG&E customers

pricing option each year through 2008.

Whether you purchase your electricity from RG&E or an ESCO, RG&E will continue to deliver your energy safely and reliably. Your total electricity price is made up of supply, transition and delivery charges. The supply charge is what you pay for the electricity purchased for you by RG&E or an ESCO. The **transition** charge is the difference between the market price of electricity and the price of RG&E's long-term electricity supply contracts (may be positive or negative). The **delivery** charge is what you pay RG&E to transport electricity over the power lines to your home. The RG&E delivery charge is a fixed price per kilowatt-hour (kwh) and will be the same regardless of the electricity supplier or pricing option you choose.

We're launching a new customer billing system
and with it comes some exciting changes!

We've added new services and features
you've been asking for while keeping those you like.

#### **HERE'S A CLOSER LOOK AT YOUR NEW BILL >>**

- Your new account number.
- New **symbols for electricity and natural gas** service.
- The time period you are being billed for, and your new **Point of Delivery ID (PoD ID)** an essential number to give to energy suppliers other than RG&E (also known as energy services companies or ESCOs) if you choose to do business with them.
- Your new **meter reading chart** shows whether your current and previous meter readings were actual, estimated, customer readings or if a reading was not available.
- Your **bill issuance charge**, which was previously included in your customer charge. The total amount of your customer charge has been reduced accordingly to reflect this change. (Not a new charge.)
- The **SBC / RPS charge** is the System Benefits and Renewable Portfolio Standard charge. (Not new charges.)
- G Taxes are now listed separately. (Not new charges.)
- Your **supply charge** (per kilowatt-hour for electricity or per therm for natural gas) is the amount you need to know if you are shopping for your energy supply. If you purchase your natural gas supply from RG&E, you pay a market-based price. (RG&E makes no profit on natural gas supply.) New market-based natural gas supply prices take effect on the first of each month, so if your billing period spans two months, you will see two supply prices listed on your bill.
- Your new **Usage Chart Information** section enables you to compare your current energy use to the last 12 months, and average temperature and daily energy use during the current billing period to the comparable period last year. On the top of each bar is a letter indicating the type of meter reading (Actual, Estimated, Customer or No reading).

