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Senator Bill Stouffer Announces Gas Rates Dropping for Some Residents of 21st Senatorial District

Changes in Cost of Natural Gas Will Begin May 15

JEFFERSON CITY — State Sen. Bill Stouffer, R-Napton, announces natural gas rates will lower for people living in Lexington and Marshall on Friday (5/15).

"We were lucky that natural gas turned out to be a little cheaper this past winter than what was expected," Sen. Stouffer said. "Now, it'll be even less expensive for some folks in rural Missouri."

The <u>Missouri Public Service Commission</u> (PSC) says over 50,000 <u>Empire District Gas Company</u> customers will see their gas rates drop effective May 15. The lower rates reflect the estimated changes in the cost of natural gas for the summer season, which runs May through October. Southern system customers in Lexington and Marshall will see a 22 percent drop.

"It remains to be seen where natural gas prices will be once cold weather returns this fall," Sen. Stouffer said. "I hope we see an improving economy, which hopefully will translate into low prices for folks who depend on natural gas to heat their homes and businesses."

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