

Propane Crisis Last Winter Sparks Interim Study Request

OKLAHOMA CITY – An eastern Oklahoma legislator wants the state to be prepared if propane prices spike again this winter.

Rep. James Lockhart, D-Heavener, has requested an interim legislative study of propane infrastructure and supply in Oklahoma. House Speaker Jeff Hickman said he will announce the studies he has approved, and the committees to which they have been assigned, by July 11.

Hodgen propane/butane dealer Curtis Kelly said his domestic customers usually pay \$1.85 per gallon for propane, and poultry farmers pay \$1.50 per gallon.

Five months ago, though, prices tripled; Kelly said he had to charge in excess of \$5 per gallon when propane and butane prices skyrocketed. The three Oklahoma refineries where Kelly procures propane were charging him \$4.95 a gallon, he said. Consequently, filling up his 10,000-gallon transport truck cost him \$50,000, and he was going through a load “about every day” at that time.

The retail price of propane “has risen from \$1.80 to \$2.65 ... within the past four days,” Lockhart wrote to his colleagues in the Legislature on Jan. 22, and “it is shooting up again today...” That same day, the statewide average price of propane in Iowa climbed to \$4.18 per gallon, compared to \$2.61 a gallon one day earlier.

State Rep. David Perryman, D-Chickasha, said many of his constituents were experiencing the same dilemma. Although propane retailers in his legislative district were “scrambling to protect their customers,” the costs “would be devastating to consumers even if the retailers sold propane at wholesale cost,” Perryman lamented.

The price spike, which occurred during an unseasonably cold winter, imposed a financial strain on chicken and

hog farmers who use propane to heat their animals; on senior citizens and others on fixed incomes, who use propane to cook with and to heat their homes; and on public schools, whose budgets for utility bills were disrupted by the propane crisis, Lockhart noted.

More than 400,000 Oklahomans rely on propane to heat their homes and prepare food, and many Oklahomans depend on propane to “support their livelihoods and for economic security,” Lockhart related in House Resolution 1039.

The Oklahoma Propane Gas Association counts 21 suppliers serving this state, and has 96 retail members, ranging from Boise City to Miami and from Branman to Gainesville, TX.

In his resolution, Lockhart said Oklahoma and at least 21 other states were experiencing critical propane shortages. Several other states, he said, allocated government funds help families cope with the propane shortage. In Oklahoma, though, no financial assistance “has been given directly to Oklahoma families to help them overcome the propane crisis,” Lockhart complained.

Gov. Mary Fallin issued an executive order on Jan. 31 that instructed the state Department of Human Services to expedite applications for the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) and the Energy Crisis Assistance Program (ECAP).

In addition, supplemental funding for low-income households who use propane was made available through ECAP. The public assistance was provided from a \$4 million federal grant coupled with \$600,000 in donated funds from utility companies, the state Department of Human Services reported.

In HR 1039, Lockhart recommended that some money be allocated from the state “rainy day” fund “to provide assis-

tance to families, children and businesses in need because of the propane shortage.” The resolution died without ever receiving a hearing. The Constitutional Reserve Fund contains approximately \$532 million, ledgers reflect.

Lockhart said he asked the state Attorney General’s Office to investigate whether propane producers were price gouging, and he asked the governor to freeze prices under the state’s Emergency Price Stabilization Act of 1999. He appealed to the Oklahoma Bankers Association to approve short-term, low-interest loans to small propane suppliers “so they could extend credit to their

customers.” He also wrote a letter to the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture, requesting relief for farmers coping with soaring propane prices.

Apparently it was all for naught, though, as none of his requests was approved.

Lockhart said he proposed an interim legislative study of the subject because, “If it happens again this winter, I want us to be prepared.”

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Thank You

The family of Maxine Cobb would like to express our appreciation for all the people who assisted us in our time of mourning. We are especially grateful to all the helpers who took on responsibilities during the funeral. We would like to thank Jacob Manatowa-Bailey, Raymond Massey and the other gravediggers, Stella Nullake and the other cooks, Vera Grant, Sandra Massey, Robert Williamson, Bud McClellan, Randy Tiger, Sam Spang, and all the numerous people who brought food, cut wood, donated funds, sent flowers, said a kind word, travelled to attend the funeral, or just took time out of their lives to be with us. Thank you all so much for your support during our time of grief.

Sincerely,
The family of Maxine Cobb

Sac and Fox Nation Swimming Pool Rules and Hours

Sac and Fox Nation Swimming Pool
Opening Memorial Weekend

Pool hours are:
12:00pm to 6pm Tuesday through Sunday
Closed on Mondays

Admission prices are \$2.00 for the general public,
\$1.00 for the Sac and Fox Nation tribal members

Private Parties are in the evenings from 6:00pm until 8pm
Parties are required to fill out proper paperwork for rental agreements as well as for scheduling 24 hrs in advance
Arrangements will be administered through the Office of Government

Pool rental prohibited during the week of the
Nation’s annual celebration

Rental prices are \$50.00 (2 hour) for general public,
\$25.00 for Sac and Fox Nation tribal members

Certified Lifeguards with CPR/First aid training will be on duty
No waiving of fees. No exceptions.

RIVERSIDE INDIAN SCHOOL REUNION

STARTING JULY 11, 2014 - ENDING JULY 13, 2014

RIVERSIDE INDIAN SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION OF ANADARKO OKLAHOMA
HOSTING REUNION IN ALBUQUERQUE NEW MEXICO

The Riverside Alumni Association is inviting ALL former Riverside students and former/present staff to join them in Albuquerque New Mexico at the **Best Western Rio Grande Plus Inn**. Make reservations at 800-959-4726 or 505-843-9500 hotel is near old town Albuquerque.

The last Albuquerque Alumni Reunion in 1997 brought RIS alumni class attendees from 1936 - 1982. Alumni came from NM, AZ, PA, MT, NC, NJ, OK, WA, ID, CO, OR, KS and CA.

The 2014 reunion planning committee is in contact with Albuquerque confirming and arranging events and activities.

Reunion arrangements are nearing finalization. So if you're a former Riverside Indian School student or staff wanting to attend the reunion, contact the Riverside Alumni Association of Anadarko at **RIS Alumni Association P.O. Box 1314 Anadarko, OK 73005**. Your letter should include your name, current address, phone number, email address, years attended and graduated RIS. You can also email risreunion2014@att.net subject line (reunion) email same information.

Those wishing to attend will receive a reunion information letter or email attachment detailing reunion hotel and events cost.

The Anadarko RIS Alumni Association was founded in 1971. After 43 years the membership continues being actively involved with the Riverside students and staff. Alumnus shows their support by attending sporting events and other Riverside activities.

If you're interested in volunteering as a reunion planning committee member in your state or area contact the RIS alumni. Provide your email for easier/faster contact with other committee members. Your support is truly appreciated.

Native Employment Works (NEW)



Native Employment Works Funds Available Now

The Sac and Fox Nation Human Services Department is currently taking applications for Native Employment Works. NEW is a federally funded program that helps low-income households with expenses while attending school or if underemployed. We encourage you to apply at our office in Stroud or at the Shawnee Multi-Purpose Center. Please call us at the number on the bottom of this article, if you have any questions.

To qualify for NEW, you must be an enrolled member of the Sac and Fox Nation and reside within the Sac and Fox Nation jurisdictional boundaries.

The NEW program eligibility includes teen parents, unemployed parent(s) if attending school, underemployed parent(s), and other tribal members if they have one or more Sac and Fox children.

PLEASE BE PREPARED TO PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING:

- Tribal enrollment cards for all household members
- (Birth certificates for those without a tribal enrollment card)
- Driver’s license if over 18 and not enrolled.
- Driver’s license or photo ID for applicant.
- Social Security cards for all household members.
- School enrollment verification or employment verification.
- Proof of income – including paycheck stubs, Social Security or disability benefits, unemployment compensation, pension or retirement funds, etc. for all household members 18 years of age or older.

Other documents may be required based on your situation.

Sac and Fox Nation Human Services

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Norwood Masquat, Jr., Commander of Sac and Fox Nation Veterans’ Organization

“No new DD214’s have come in.
We need 214’s for our next monuments.
We want to complete the four monuments for WWI, WWII, Korea and the Women’s monuments by the fall of 2014.

Information Needed to Find a Person’s DD214

- ✓ Veteran’s Name
- ✓ Date and place of birth
- ✓ Branch of service
- ✓ Time and term of service
- ✓ Service number if available
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With this information we can track down an individual’s DD214, enabling us to see his or her service record.

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