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INTRODUCTION

This report has been prepared by the Pennsylvania Energy Office (PEO) to summarize its activities under the State Heating Oil and Propane Program (SHOPP) for the 1994-95 heating season. The PEO is under a cooperative agreement, Agreement #DE-7C01-91E122784, Amendment #3, with the U.S. Department of Energy, Energy Information Administration (DOE/EIA) to conduct these activities. The objective of the SHOPP program was to collect Pennsylvania-specific price information for residential No. 2 heating oil and propane and transmit this information to DOE/EIA for compilation into its various reports and publications.

Under the PEO's cooperative agreement with DOE/EIA, prices were collected on the first and third Mondays of each month, starting on October 3, 1994, and extending through March 20, 1995. Prices were obtained via telephone calls made by PEO staff. For each heating oil distributor in the survey sample, the PEO collected charge prices for a standard delivery quantity of No. 2 heating oil. For propane, dealers were requested to provide the price for a customer using between one thousand and fifteen hundred gallons of fuel during the heating season.

The PEO agreed to forward the survey results to the DOE/EIA within three days of the date of each survey. DOE/EIA's responsibility was to compile the data from all states and distribute a bi-weekly report. In addition, DOE/EIA took responsibility for the collection of primary stock information for No. 2 heating oil.

PREPARATIONS FOR THE SURVEY

The DOE/EIA provided a sample of companies in Pennsylvania to the PEO for inclusion in the survey; the majority of which were new to the survey. Contact information was verified by the PEO. The DOE/EIA sent a letter to each company notifying it of its inclusion in the survey. The PEO continued to use the PC Electronic Data Reporting Option (PEDRO) system for transmitting the data electronically, via telephone modem to DOE/EIA.

THE SURVEY

The survey phone calls were made on the first and third Mondays of the months October, 1994, through March, 1995. Prices of No. 2 heating oil were obtained from thirty-one (31) dealers. In the case of propane, twenty (20) dealer names were provided, but only eleven (11)

were able to be included in the course of the survey. Upon initial contact, the PEO determined that nine (9) of the propane dealers did not provide residential fuel service.

RESULTS

The results that are presented in Table 1 and Figures 1 and 2 are unweighted averages. Consequently, they may be different from the summary results reported by DOE/EIA.

No. 2 Fuel Oil

When the survey started on October 3, 1994, the average charge price for No. 2 heating oil for residential customers was \$0.827 per gallon. The seasonal high of \$0.860 per gallon was reached on January 16, 1995. The price average declined to \$0.850 per gallon on March 20, at the conclusion of the survey. This was an increase of 2.8 percent for the season.

Propane

The results of the October 3, 1994 price survey indicated an average unweighted price of \$1.100 per gallon for a residential customer. The average price rose to \$1.138 per gallon on January 16, 1995, but declined to \$1.129 per gallon on March 20, for a seasonal increase of 2.6 percent.

TABLE 1

PENNSYLVANIA HEATING OIL & PROPANE PRICE SURVEY

1994 - 1995

(dollars per gallon)

Date	No. 2 Heating Oil	Propane
Oct 3	0.827	1.100
Oct 17	0.830	1.102
Nov 7	0.837	1.108
Nov 21	0.844	1.116
Dec 5	0.842	1.114
Dec 19	0.849	1.126
Jan 2	0.855	1.134
Jan 16	0.860	1.138
Feb 6	0.858	1.134
Feb 20	0.858	1.134
Mar 6	0.856	1.131
Mar 20	0.850	1.129

Figure 1
Pennsylvania No. 2 Oil Prices (1994-95)

Prices are for standard home delivery

Figure 2
Pennsylvania Propane Prices (1994-95)

Prices are for 1,000 - 1,500 gallons of use