



2012 Dealer Membership Statement

Company Name: _____
Primary Name: _____
Physical Address: _____
Mailing Address: _____
Business Telephone: _____
Fax Number: _____
Mobile Number: _____
Email: _____
Web Site: _____

LPGA Emergency Contact Center: (Optional)	Administrative contact (PLEASE PRINT): _____	
Name / Contact Number	Name / Contact Number	Name / Contact Number
ECC 24/7: _____	_____	_____
During working hours: _____	_____	_____
After working hours: _____	_____	_____
Medical Emergency: _____	_____	_____
Special Instructions: _____	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> I agree to the ECC Registration Agreement Signature of Officer or Owner: _____ Date: _____		

LPGA Newsletter Advertising Contract: (Optional)	Contact Name (PLEASE PRINT): _____	
<input type="checkbox"/> BUY FIRST TIME AD <input type="checkbox"/> RENEW AD / NO CHANGES <input type="checkbox"/> RENEW AD WITH CHANGES:		
<i>Size and Placement (Please Check Prices on 2nd sheet.):</i>		
<input type="checkbox"/> Full Page (inside or back)	<input type="checkbox"/> Full Page Random	<input type="checkbox"/> Half Page
<input type="checkbox"/> 1/4 Page	<input type="checkbox"/> Business Card	<input type="checkbox"/> Insert
Number of Issues (CIRCLE ONE): 1 2 3 4	Price Per Edition: _____	Total Price: _____
Advertiser's Signature: _____	Sales Representative Signature: _____	Date: _____

Louisiana Dues:	# of Bobtails _____		
National Dues:	Id Number _____	# of Bulk Plants _____	#of Retail Locations _____
(National Dues must have all information filled out completely <u>here</u> and on <u>back</u> .)			

Please read the attached page for more information on the following:

- Louisiana Propane Gas Association Dues _____
 - National Propane Gas Association Dues (*Must list all bulk plants & retail locations on back) _____
 - LPGA Newsletters (Advertisement total from above) _____
 - LPGA Emergency Contact Center _____
- Total DUE:** _____

Mail checks to:
LPGA
 PO Box 14204
 Baton Rouge, LA 70898

Thank You

Please check one:		Bulk Plant	Retail Location	Additional Personnel
*Company Name:	_____			
*Authorized Name:	_____			
*Physical Address:	_____			
*Mailing Address:	_____			
*Business Telephone:	_____	Fax Number:	_____	
*Email:	_____	Mobile Telephone:	_____	

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PLEASE COPY THIS SHEET IF YOU SHOULD NEED MORE FORMS

Louisiana Propane Gas Association Dues

Bobtails	Amount per Bobtail
1	\$440.00
2	\$451.00
3	\$506.00
4	\$561.00
5	\$671.00
6+	\$99.00 ea.

** Payments to the Louisiana Propane Gas Association are not deductible as charitable contributions for federal income tax purposes. However, they may be deductible as ordinary and necessary business expenses, subject to restrictions imposed as a result of association lobbying expenses. The non-deductible dues portion for lobbying expenses in 2012 is estimated at 5%.

National Propane Gas Association Dues

Bulk Plants	Cost Per Bulk Plant
1 st – 2 nd	\$360.00
3 rd – 5 th	\$195.00 (Plus 1-2 amt.)
6 th – 500	\$185.00 each (Plus 1-2 & 3-5 amounts)
501 or more	\$93.00 each

For example, a company with two bulk plants would pay \$360 in NPGA dues. A company with five bulk plants would pay \$555 (\$360 + \$195). A company with 30 bulk plants would pay \$5,180 (plants 1-5 would be \$555, plants 6-30 would be \$4,625).

A "bulk plant" is defined as any facility where the primary function is to store LP-Gas prior to the further distribution, where LP-Gas is received by cargo tank motor vehicle, railroad tank car, or pipeline, and then distributed by portable container (package) delivery, by cargo tank motor vehicle, or through gas piping. A facility distributing gas through gas piping, such as a community gas system, is exempt from the definition of a bulk plant unless the facility is used to transfer product into cargo tank motor vehicles for further distribution. The term "bulk plant" is not intended to include dispensing stations as defined in NFPA 58-2004. A utilized bulk plant is a propane storage facility in which LP-Gas is placed in and later withdrawn for further distribution during the course of the current calendar year.

** Payments to the National Propane Gas Association are not deductible as charitable contributions for federal income tax purposes. However, they may be deductible as ordinary and necessary business expenses, subject to restrictions imposed as a result of association lobbying expenses. The non-deductible dues portion for lobbying expenses in 2012 is estimated at 40%. The number of bulk plants paid for by your company will be listed in the national directory.

Louisiana Propane Gas News Advertising Information

ADVERTISE TODAY!!!

(All prices are net.)

Size and Placement:

Prices (member/nonmember):

Full Page (inside or back)	\$400 / \$600
Full Page Random	\$350 / \$550
Half Page	\$185 / \$300
1/4 Page	\$130 / \$200
Business Card	\$100 / \$150
Insert	\$300 / \$600

Ads are preferred in digital format. They may be provided either on disk or through email. Camera-ready ad slicks or negatives are acceptable as well. Camera-ready shall be defined as no larger than maximum size and needing no further preparation or adjustments. If a one-year contract is signed, ad design is available at no extra charge, provided that logos and images are made available by the advertiser. Inserts must be printed and provided by the advertiser.

Cover spot requests will be honored on a first-come, first-serve basis after previous advertisers for those spots have been given notice and sufficient time to respond.

Number of Issues: 4

2012 Deadlines

1st quarter: Feb 1st **2nd quarter: May 1st**
3rd quarter: Aug 1st **4th quarter: Nov 1st**

If a one-year contract is signed, the LPGA will design or re-design your ad for this year at no extra charge. The advertiser may have its logo placed on the LPGA web site's homepage for an additional \$100. The logo can be linked to the advertiser's web site. Please note that we will need you to provide images and logos.

Louisiana Propane Gas Association Emergency Contact Center

Companies that distribute hazardous materials are required by law to have a 24-hour emergency contact in place. Your company has the option of using the Louisiana Propane Gas Association—Emergency Contact Center as its 24-hour contact for a fee of **\$500.00** per year. This is a cost-and time-efficient way of staying in compliance with current regulations.

One benefit of placing membership with the LPGA, however, is being able to register with the Emergency Contact Center at a discounted price. The cost to members to register is **\$250.00**.

If you wish to become an LPGA member and begin receiving the numerous benefits of membership, fill out the enclosed dealer membership statement. Return it along with your dues. Remember, if you register as an LPGA member, your LPGA-ECC cost is only **\$250.00!** Please feel free to call me with any questions you may have.

If your company chooses to register with the LPGA-ECC, return a completed registration agreement, your MSDSs

Please read the below LPGA-ECC Registration Agreement & fill out the form on the 1st sheet. We must have the requested information returned and in the files at the Emergency Contact Center as soon as possible.

EMERGENCY CONTACT NUMBERS

In the event of an emergency involving your liquefied petroleum gas products, please designate the following telephone number (s) for us to contact your company.

- I. You may designate a 24-hour number.
- II. If an attended 24-hour telephone number is not available, please provide your during-work-hour contact and telephone numbers, as well as the names and telephone numbers for us to contact after working hours. (Numbers and contacts must provide LPGA-ECC with 24-hour, 7-day per week access to your company.)
- III. Please provide a separate medical emergency contact number if you wish us to call your medical staff directly for medical treatment advice.
- IV. Special instruction/comments: (You may include only special instructions about your contacts or products in this section.)
- V. Please specify an administrative contact for questions about the information and updating of this form

Louisiana Propane Gas Association (LPGA) Emergency Contact Center (ECC) Registration Agreement

There are six tasks that the LPGA asks each registrant to do as conditions for registration with LPGA-ECC. These are set forth below.

1. LPGA-ECC Telephone Number

LPGA-ECC services are typically triggered by a first-responder (police, fire fighter, transporter, etc.) calling LPGA-ECC from the scene of a liquefied petroleum gas incident or accident. In order to obtain emergency response advice from LPGA-ECC, the first-responder will need to identify quickly and clearly LPGA-ECC's telephone number. Moreover, new 49 C.F.R. Paragraph 172.604 (a) (3) requires the shipper to place on the shipping papers the telephone number of the organization that the shipper has designated as its 24-hour contact. This regulation further requires the telephone number to "immediately follow the description of the hazardous material" or be entered after a clearly visible designation that the number is for emergency response, such as after "Emergency Contact."

Therefore, if your company uses LPGA-ECC as its 24-hour contact, your company should place on each hazardous material shipping paper for every shipment that occurs in whole or in part in the United States LPGA-ECC's telephone number: 1-318-255-5395 immediately after the description of the hazardous materials or after the clearly visible reference "Emergency Contact." (If your company uses the LPGA-ECC number on its labels and MSDSs, you should clearly note that the number is to be used only in case of emergencies involving a spill, leak, fire, exposure or accident involving liquefied petroleum gas.)

2. MSDSs

Upon receiving a call from a first-responder, LPGA-ECC typically provides immediate information to the responder on the emergency response and accident mitigation procedures that should be taken for the liquefied petroleum gas that has been released. This emergency response information comes primarily from information the shipper has provided the LPGA-ECC on the liquefied petroleum gas. It is essential that the information be accurate, up-to-date and legible. Moreover, new 49 C.F.R. Paragraph 172.604 (a) (2) and (b) require a shipper that designated LPGA-ECC as its 24-hour contact to provide LPGA-ECC with "current (and) comprehensive emergency response and accident mitigation information for the (shipped hazardous) material..." before it is offered for transportation.

Therefore, your company should provide LPGA-ECC with comprehensive emergency response and accident mitigation information for each hazardous material it ships prior to such shipment. You can do this by providing LPGA-ECC complete, up-to-date and legible or data entry-readable information in the form of material safety data sheets (MSDSs), for each hazardous material you ship in whole or in part in the United States. If you prefer to provide this information in a format other than the MSDS, please call us to discuss the alternative.

Finally, as your company revises, adds, deletes or modifies MSDSs, please send us the modified documents promptly, and please confirm annually that the MSDS information your company has provided LPGA-ECC is up-to-date.

3. Product Names

LPGA-ECC can retrieve emergency response information from its database by the product name of the hazardous material has that product name appears on the MSDS. In order for LPGA-ECC to provide that information promptly, it is necessary that the first responder who calls the LPGA-ECC be able to identify the "product name." To do this, the product name must generally appear on the shipping papers for each hazardous material that could be involved in a spill.

Therefore, your company should place legibly on each shipping paper the "product name" of the hazardous material as such "product name" appears on the MSDS for such hazardous material.

4. Name(s) and Telephone Number(s) of the Registrant's 24-hour Contact(s)

After providing immediate emergency response information, LPGA-ECC will attempt to contact the shipper to link the shipper to the responders at the scene so that the shipper can provide additional advice and assistance as necessary. For this, we must have up-to-date names and telephone numbers of your company's LPGA-ECC contacts. Moreover, new 49 C.F.R. Paragraph 172.604 (a) (2) requires LPGA-ECC to have immediate access to the shipper's 24-hour contact. This regulation also necessitates LPGA-ECC having the names and telephone numbers of your LPGA-ECC contacts.

Therefore, your company must provide LPGA-ECC with the name(s) and telephone number(s) of a contact or contacts that can be reached 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Your company must promptly update this information as the contacts and/or their telephone numbers change, and confirm at least once a year that the names and numbers are up-to-date.

5. Name of Registrant Company

LPGA-ECC will typically retrieve emergency response information first by company name, then from product names from information on MSDSs submitted by the registrant company. The registrant company's name should appear clearly on the shipping papers in order to contact the proper registrant and to provide the emergency response advice given LPGA-ECC by the registrant.

Therefore, your company should register each company separately as its name appears on the shipping papers.

6. Contacting the Accident Scene

Most releases of hazardous materials will require follow-up advice and assistance from the shipper in addition to the immediate advice given by LPGA-ECC. To facilitate this follow-up, LPGA-ECC will provide the shipper with the telephone numbers or other means of contacting the responders. To ensure that follow-up advice and assistance is provided when necessary, it is imperative that your company, if called by LPGA-ECC, communicate with the on-scene responders to provide all necessary assistance.

Therefore, your company should contact the responder(s) at the scene and provide advice and assistance, as appropriate, promptly upon being notified by LPGA-ECC that your company's shipment is involved in a hazardous materials incident.

PLEASE ENSURE THAT THE CORPORATE OFFICER OR OWNER THAT SIGNS THIS LPGA-ECC REGISTRATION AGREEMENT HAS REVIEWED THE CONDITIONS OF PARTICIPATION AND AGREED TO THEM ON BEHALF OF YOUR COMPANY. PLEASE ENCLOSE YOUR MSDSs WITH THE SIGNED ECC PORTION OF 2012 MEMBERSHIP STATEMENT (1ST SHEET)

Louisiana Propane Gas Association Member Benefits

- **Safety Programs** - LPGA members may take advantage of propane safety training offered through the LPGA.
- **Louisiana Propane E-Newsletter** – Members receive LPGA’s monthly email newsletter, which includes information on safety, legislation, upcoming events and other pertinent information to the propane industry.
- **Advertising Discount** - LPGA members receive a discount over non-members on advertising in the LPGA newsletter. Advertising in the LPGA newsletter is an efficient and effective way to get your message to those in the Louisiana propane industry!
- **Scholarship** - Every year, the LPGA awards a \$1,000 scholarship to a child of an employee, spouse of an employee, employer, owner or officer who is currently working in the propane industry and have been employed for no less than one year, and whose company is a member in good standing with the Louisiana Propane Gas Association. The scholarship is awarded to a graduating high school senior planning to enroll in college or a student currently enrolled in an undergraduate or graduate program. The scholarship funds are to be used towards tuition, books, or room and board expenses.
- **Propane Lobbying** - The LPGA is dedicated to achieving a favorable regulatory climate for the propane industry. The support of LPGA members helps make things like this happen:

Recent:

- (1) As recent as two years ago, the LPGA took the lead in proposing a reduction of the assessment charged to all propane dealers in the state. After extensive research, it was determined that, due to the increased price of gas, the current fees would far exceed the needs of the commission. The LPGA proposed a plan that would have reduced the fees by 15%. After extensive negotiations, the commission finally agreed to a 7.5% reduction which EVERY propane dealer in the state now enjoys.
- (2) During the 2008 2nd Extraordinary Session, the LA legislature amended the law allowing for the removal of state sales taxes from the sale of propane to now include ALL persons not be limited to consumer / residential use only.

Previous:

- (3) During the 1997 Regular Session, the LA legislature passed a law allowing propane dealers to serve on the Louisiana LP Gas Commission. This ensures that those most affected by the regulatory authority retain control over its decisions. Unnecessary emergency fee increases, like the one attempted by Mike Manuel in 1996, should be a thing of the past. *Savings: Approximately \$200/year*
- (4) During the 1998 Special Session, the LA legislature passed a law creating the LP Gas Commission Rainy Day Fund. This fund allows fees not spent during a given fiscal year to be rolled over into a “Rainy Day Fund” out of which the commission can make up future budget deficits without having to increase permit fees. Having this fiscal buffer will allow the commission to lower permit fees for all permit holders paying on a percentage basis by as much as 30 percent over the next few years. A fee reduction of 10 percent was instituted by the commission on January 1, 1999, based on savings that will be generated through this Rainy Day Fund. *Savings: Approximately \$200/year*
- (5) During the 1999 Regular Session, the LA legislature passed a law exempting propane from the Department of Environmental Quality’s Chemical Accident Prevention Program (a.k.a. Risk Management Program). Propane is now the only previously included substance to be exempted from the CAAP. This change will save the industry as a whole approximately \$175,000 per year. *Savings: \$400/bulk facility*
- (6) During the 1999 Regular Session, the LA legislature passed a law requiring that fees collected in excess of the Rainy Day Fund cap of \$250,000, up to a limit of \$50,000 per year, be placed into the Market Development Fund. This creates a new investment for the industry in the future of the propane market, adding an average of \$25,000 a year to the Market Development Fund. *Investment: Approximately \$400/year*

Total Investment & Savings: Approximately \$1200/year