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If you are planning to attend the 2013 Conference, we encourage you to reserve your hotel room and make your travel arrangements as soon as possible. As the regions "Premier Pipeline Safety Conference" rooms book quickly and the deadline will not be extended due to the hotels expected occupancy. Staying at the conference hotel gives you easy access to social events, and allows you to network with fellow attendees.



SAVE THE DATE: LGA Annual Operations Conference



The Louisiana Gas Association invites you to attend the **2013 Annual Operation Conference** that brings together Louisiana's top executives, small operators, municipalities and vendors. This three day, fun filled, education packed event will provide you with the knowledge to enhance performance, promote safety, and broaden public awareness. Please **SAVE THE DATE** for this event. We look forward to seeing you in Baton Rouge in October!

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Plastic Pipe Joining Seminar

March 21, 2013
Zachary, LA

LGA 2nd Quarter Board Meeting

April 17, 2013
New Orleans, LA

Fire School

May 1 & 2, 2013
Houma, LA

Line Locating Seminar

June 18, 2013
Baton Rouge, LA

Line Locating Seminar

June 19, 2013
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191/192 & 195 Pipeline Safety Conference

July 22-26, 2013
Royal Sonesta Hotel
New Orleans, LA

LGA 3rd Quarter Board Meeting

August 14, 2013
Baton Rouge, LA

LGA Annual Operations Conference

October 28-30, 2013
Renaissance Baton Rouge Hotel
Baton Rouge, LA

LGA 4th Quarter Board Meeting

December 11, 2013
Lafayette, LA

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The special room rate of \$119 will be honored at the Renaissance Baton Rouge Hotel. Please contact the Hotel reservations direct at (866) 469-5448 to make your reservations today. The deadline to receive this rate is October 7, 2013.

Tentative Agenda:

- **October 28, 2013** - Golf Tournament & 6th Annual Michael Hester BBQ Cook-off
- **October 29, 2013** - Small Operator & Management Operations Track
- **October 30, 2013** - General Session Speaker(s) & LGA Annual Meeting

We look forward to seeing you in Baton Rouge in October!



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Attend the Louisiana Damage Prevention Summit

Save the Date
April 22 - 24, 2013

April 22 will be here before you know it, and so will the Louisiana Damage Prevention Summit at the Crowne Plaza in Baton Rouge, LA.

The Summit is expected to be Louisiana's largest gathering of industry professionals dedicated to excavation safety and damage prevention. The agenda will feature training sessions, workshops and presentations of interest to everyone in our industry.

There's no better way to learn about proposed legislative initiatives and new technologies from operators of underground facilities, contractors and others involved in safe excavation throughout Louisiana and beyond.

- Pipeline representatives
- Professional excavators
- Locators
- Utility Operators
- Municipalities

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Natural Gas Utilities Helped Customers Save More Than \$300 Million in 2011

Washington, D.C. - Natural gas utilities increased their investment in natural gas efficiency programs to nearly \$958 million in 2011, according to a new report released today by the American Gas Association (AGA). This resulted in total savings of more than \$300 million for natural gas customers in the United States last year - about \$107 per household - and offset 6.5 million metric tons of carbon dioxide emissions. The Natural Gas Efficiency Programs Report for 2011 presents data from AGA member companies and the Consortium for Energy Efficiency, and outlines how utilities are helping customers save even more on what is already America's most efficient and affordable energy choice.

"Natural gas utilities are helping customers save on their monthly energy bills, making it even easier for them to access the benefits of natural gas," said Ron Jibson, president and CEO of Questar, Corp. and AGA Chairman. "From simply upgrading insulation to providing subsidies for high-efficiency natural gas appliance purchases, energy efficiency programs help ensure that natural gas users are getting the best possible value for their energy use. This is just another example of how natural gas utilities are making people's lives better every day."

Natural gas utilities are continuing to increase this commitment to delivering energy savings. In 2012, utilities budgeted nearly \$1.4 billion toward efficiency programs - a 46 percent increase compared to 2011 spending levels. Added to low domestic natural gas prices, which have led to savings of almost \$35 billion for residential natural gas customers over the past three years, efficiency programs help ensure that natural gas remains the best value fuel for consumers.

"This investment demonstrates a true commitment to improving the way we use energy in this country," said AGA CEO and President Dave McCurdy. "Innovations in appliance technology have resulted in natural gas furnaces and boilers that can achieve 97 percent efficiency. Utilities are harnessing these and other cutting-edge technologies to help reduce energy use, which in turn helps our environment, improves energy security and delivers big savings to the customer."

Utilities across the country provide valuable tools, incentives and information to help their customers understand and reduce their energy usage and their carbon footprint. Your local natural gas utility may offer home energy audits, weatherization kits and programmable thermostats, as well as provide information on the latest technology in high-efficiency natural gas appliances. Utility energy efficiency programs also help low-income customers with bill payment assistance, low or no-cost equipment replacement and weatherization assistance that can reduce a home heating bill by an average of \$437 per year.

AGA Response to State of the Union Address

Washington, D.C. - AGA President and CEO, Dave McCurdy, today released the following statement regarding President Obama's State of the Union address:

"In his State of the Union address, President Obama spoke about the challenges our nation faces and solutions that can help address many of these challenges. Whether focused on job creation, economic recovery, or improving our environment or national security, natural gas is part of the answer.

"The energy industry has long been on the forefront of innovation, and that still rings true today. Our domestic supplies of natural gas have led to stability - natural gas utilities are delivering essential energy to customers at stable prices, and doing so more efficiently every year. Research and development is vital to ensuring that we continue to improve upon the clean, efficient production, delivery and use of this foundation fuel across our economy.

"Of the energy options available, natural gas is one of the most energy efficient due to the way in which it is produced, delivered and used in homes, buildings, industry and



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transportation, and expanding the use of existing highly-efficiency natural gas technologies will play a big role in reaching the President's goal of doubling energy productivity by 2030.

"Natural gas is delivered safely and reliably every day to help consumers meet their energy needs, and utilities consistently invest to upgrade and expand natural gas infrastructure to help ensure this foundation fuel can continue to meet our growing energy demand. The President outlined a 'Partnership to Rebuild America' that will attract private capital to upgrade natural gas pipeline and other critical infrastructure. Streamlining and expediting infrastructure permitting is necessary to ensure timely completion and investment for these important projects, and I appreciate the President's focus on 'cutting red tape.'

"I am pleased to see the President recognize the many benefits of natural gas in his remarks tonight, and we look forward to working with his administration in making use of this foundation fuel to help address our national priorities."



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Helix Power Generators, Inc. and Shell Oil Receive 2012 Chairman's Innovation Awards at the Total Energy USA Conference

Showcases advancement of technologies that will change the way we see, produce and use energy

Houston, December 10, 2012: Total Energy USA recognized Shell Oil with the Chairman's Innovation Award and Helix Power Generators, Inc. was awarded runner-up with Honorable Mention at the first Total Energy USA Conference and Exposition held in Houston. The Chairman's Innovation Award showcases newly developed concepts and products in a variety of areas such as advancement of technology, improved efficiency, increased marketability, cost savings, environmental impact, enhanced market position and more. Over 20 entries were submitted.

Helix Power Generators, Inc. was recognized for its Langson Gas Letdown Generator. An affordable device that converts wasted natural gas and steam letdown pressure into low-cost, clean, green, electrical power. The device co-generates power and cooling and qualifies as CHP. The amount of power that can be produced with the Gas Letdown Generator depends primarily on the amount of flow and pressure reduction. The device has zero fuel cost because it utilizes kinetic energy that is normally wasted during pressure reduction. Gas Letdown Generators are currently offered in 250kW, 500kW, and 1MW sizes.

For more information, please visit: www.HelixPG.com

Shell was chosen for its Prelude Floating LNG project, which will produce natural gas from subsea fields, separate, process, store and offload Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) at sea, creating an entirely new maritime concept to open new opportunities for Shell and partners to meet growing worldwide demand for natural gas.

The award for Shell was presented to Richard Williams, President of Shell Wind Energy.

The award for Helix Power was presented to Rick Dixon, President.

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3. Member special events
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