



### *The Meter Charge Explained*

Beginning in December 2022, a \$10.83 monthly meter charge has replaced the compliance charge that was traditionally applied to your account with each monthly meter reading.

The meter charge represents only a portion of the cost of meeting the requirements of regulatory mandates imposed by federal, state, and local governments, in addition to the labor and other costs associated with maintaining the propane delivery systems which serve your building. Over the past years there has been a steady increase of regulatory and reporting requirements by over a dozen authorities. We have held steady the amount of this overhead cost since December 2016, however continued inflationary pressures have made this change necessary.

All of us at White Mountain Oil & Propane are very concerned with the safety of our operation, the safe handling of all our products, and the safe & efficient use of those products by you, our valued customer. The meter charge helps us cover the cost to meet this challenge.

The following are just a few of the mandatory requirements affecting the fuel industry:

- Federal motor carrier Safety regulation compliance
- Fuel costs
- Employee training & driver qualification
- Hazardous material training & certification
- Labor costs
- Professional licensing
- Tier 1 & Tier 2 reporting
- Maintenance costs
- Environmental protection regulations
- Insurance costs
- Equipment testing
- Vehicle positive shut-down system
- O.S.H.A. hazardous communication compliance
- Delivery vehicle inspections
- Inventory & price reporting
- Emergency planning & response

