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Eastern Propane & Oil Hires New Manager of Information Technology

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ROCHESTER, NH—Eastern Propane & Oil announced today they have hired Rick Sanborn as Manager of Information Technology. Sanborn was formerly the Network Manager at Apogent Technologies in Portsmouth, NH. Prior to that he was a Network Engineer at Harvard Industries for ten years.

Operating in Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Rhode Island, Eastern employs over 320 people, and supplies propane and oil to more than 80,000 commercial and residential customers. A sophisticated data-sharing infrastructure affords the ability to deliver seamless “local” services through six district offices in each of the communities they serve.

In his new post, Sanborn will develop the company’s various information systems into a cohesive network that includes enterprise software solutions, telecommunications, computer hardware, software systems, and web-based communications.

Eastern Propane Gas, Inc. has been owned and operated by the Clement family since it began business in Danvers, Massachusetts in 1932. After operating in New Hampshire for over 30 years, the company relocated its corporate headquarters to New Hampshire in 1985. Since its inception, the Company has been in the business of supplying propane and providing related products and services. In 1998, Eastern expanded its product offerings in some of their locations to include heating oil, other distillate products, and related services. Installation, maintenance and service for propane or oil systems and appliances are provided by Eastern through its qualified service technicians.

For more information on the products and services offered by Eastern Propane & Oil, call 1-800-523-5237 or visit their website at www.eastern.com.

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