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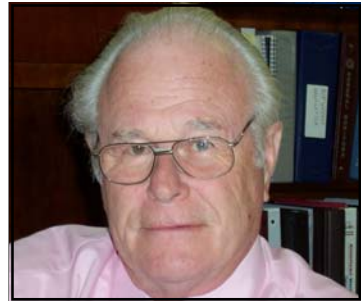
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Eastern Propane & Oil Announces Senior Exec's Retirement

NH's largest propane and oil supplier announces the retirement of the company's Senior Vice President of Wholesale & Procurement.

Rochester, NH — Eastern Propane & Oil recently announced the retirement of James (Jim) Hurley, Senior Vice President of Wholesale & Procurement. Hurley's retirement will be effective on January 1, 2006 after which the company will continue to retain his services as a consultant.

Hurley is an industry veteran and has been an integral part of Eastern's success since he came on board with the company in 1989. Hurley's experience, knowledge and work ethic are also reflected in his contributions as a past President and member of the Board of Directors to PGANE and as NH State Director for the NPGA.



Located in central New England, Eastern supplies both oil and propane to over 80,000 customers. *LP Gas Magazine* ranks the company # 17 among its list of the Top 50 largest retail propane marketers in the country. Eastern has been privately owned by the Clement family since its inception in 1932.

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