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EXCESS FLOW VALVE (EFV) CUSTOMER NOTIFICATION

As of April 14, 2017 the Federal Government set a new regulation requiring Battle Lake Natural Gas to notify their customers to notify about the Excess Flow Valves (EFV) and install an EFV if the customer requests one.

An Excess Flow Valve (EFV), is a device that we can install on your natural gas line. This line runs from the main gas line (located in the street) to your meter. EFV's are designed to shut off, or significantly reduce, the flow of natural gas in the event that a service line becomes damaged and that damage causes a sudden and significant increase in gas flow. In this case the EFV may prevent the buildup of natural gas reduce the risk of fire, explosion, personal injury and/or property damage.

EFV's are not designed to close if a leak occurs beyond the gas meter (in house piping or appliances). Also, EFV's may not close in the event that there is a small leak on the service line. Additionally, if you have additional natural gas appliances such as a pool heater or emergency generator, etc., the additional gas flow may cause the EFV to close.

EFV's will not be installed on your service line if:

The service line does not operate at a pressure of 10 psig or greater throughout the year;

The EFV could interfere with proper operation or cause loss of service;

The EFV could interfere with necessary operation or maintenance activities; or

The capacity of the meter on the service line meets any of these conditions.

You may request that Battle Lake Natural gas install an excess flow valve on the gas line to your property.

Residential meters located in the City of Battle Lake's natural gas system already have these EFV's in place, on the residential line. Meters that are 1 inch or larger (usually commercial applications) currently do not have these EFV's in place at this time. You will be billed for the cost of installing the EFV. To obtain an estimate of the cost of installation of an EFV please contact Steve Seufert, Public Works Director at 218-864-0424 or pubwrks@arvig.net

FOR YOUR SAFETY – always call 811 to have gas lines and other buried utilities marked prior to digging.