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Excess Flow Valve Notification Letter

CUSTOMER NOTIFICATION ON EXCESS FLOW VALVES FOR GAS SERVICE

According to Federal Regulation 49 C.F.R. §192.383(d) regarding gas pipeline safety requires City of Socorro Gas Department to notify customers of their right to request installation of an Excess Flow Valve (EFV) on their existing gas service pipelines.

Excess flow valves are designed to restrict the flow of gas by closing automatically when a Gas service line breaks or is cut accidentally by mechanical equipment thus preventing a potential hazard from gas leakage. Breaks due to some other cause, can result in severe leakage that may occur. The excess flow valve serves to prevent hazardous conditions from developing in these situations. To most effectively serve this purpose, the excess flow valve must be installed at a point nearest to the service tee connecting to the gas main so that the entire service line benefits.

1. It is mandatory that the gas utilities install excess flow valves on “newly constructed and renewed” natural gas customer service lines at the time of periodic construction/renewal activities.
2. The efficiency rate of the excess flow valve is considered high however, as any mechanical component in gas piping systems; it is not fail-proof.

Gas Utility _____

Date of Notice _____

Customer Name _____