



NATURAL GAS CUSTOMERS EXCESS FLOW VALVE REQUEST

Decatur Utilities' natural gas system is required to comply with the U.S.D.O.T. PHMSA (Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration) Pipeline Safety Regulations as set forth in 49 CFR Part 192.

If a natural gas customer desires an **EXCESS FLOW VALVE** be installed on their service line with natural gas load not exceeding 1,000 SCFH (standard cubic feet per hour), Section 192.383 of the PHMSA regulations requires us to offer that customer the option of having an **EXCESS FLOW VALVE** (EFV) installed on that service line. An EFV is designed to shut off the flow of natural gas automatically should the flow exceed a set rate such as would happen in the event the service line is broken by construction or other accidents. Upon request on a mutually agreeable date, we will install an EFV meeting the performance standards set forth in the regulations.

Should you desire an EFV be installed on your service line, you will be responsible for all costs associated with the initial installation, as well as the costs of any future maintenance, repair, replacement or removal of the valve.

The installation fee will vary with location, pipe size, service length and other factors and must be paid in advance at our business office. Any future maintenance or other cost would be billed at the time work is done. For more information, or to schedule an installation call our Gas Engineering Office at (256) 552-1487 or (256) 552-1404.

Additional Information

- 1) **Installation of an Excess Flow Valve is not mandatory. It is your choice.**
- 2) An Excess Flow Valve will **not** protect against the following events:
 - Customer Appliance gas leaks
 - Small gas service line punctures
 - Gas meter set leaks
- 3) Decatur Utilities makes no express warranty for continued proper EFV operation under normal use conditions and/or false valve closure under any gas system operating conditions.
- 4) Additional information may be obtained by calling our business office at (256) 552-1400.