



TO: Natural Gas Customers

FROM: City of Coalinga Natural Gas Department

SUBJECT: Option to have Excess Flow Valve (EFV) installed at customer's expense

Federal government pipeline safety regulations require that each natural gas customer be offered the opportunity to have installed an **excess flow valve (EFV)** on their newly installed or replacement natural gas service line.

What is an EFV? An EFV is a device installed next to your gas meter. It is designed to restrict the flow of natural gas should it sense sudden excess flow downstream caused by a rupture of the service line, meter assembly, or customer houseline. However, it may not activate in the event only one appliance becomes disconnected from its gas service within your house. Should the device activate and shut off the flow of natural gas, the device must be manually reset by City of Coalinga utility personnel.

If elected, the costs for purchase and installation of the EFV are paid by each customer. The installed cost for the EFV is estimated to be \$100 to \$300.

This same regulation also provides that the full cost to maintain and/or replace the EFV shall also be paid by the customer. Future maintenance costs are impossible to estimate.

Should you wish to have an excess flow valve installed, contact the City of Coalinga utility department at 935-1533.