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## Dear Utility Customer:

The Pipeline and Hazardous Material Safety Administrations (PHMSA) has issued a new regulation that requires the City of Red Bud to offer an Excess Flow Valve (EFV) to its customers. An EFV is an extra safety device that can be installed in a service line providing natural gas to the meter. The main purpose of an EFV is to reduce the risk of a release of natural gas caused by excavation damage to the service line between the point of connection to the main and the meter. An EFV will not prevent or stop leaks that might occur downstream of the meter. Not every service can accommodate an EFV.

The installation of an EFV is not a requirement for existing natural gas service lines; however, at the request of a City of Red Bud utility customer, one may be installed. The installation of an EFV typically would take one day and would require the excavation of the service line at the connection to the main line. If you would like an EFV installed on your service line, the installation cost shall be paid by you and billed on the City's time and material cost. This includes all labor, equipment, and materials but does not include restoration of grounds disturbed by excavation. It is not likely, but it is possible that future maintenance or replacement of the EFV might be necessary and could result in additional charges.

If you would like to have an EFV installed or have any questions, please call the City of Red Bud Utility Office at 618-282-3339.

Respectfully,

City of Red Bud Gas Department