



## EXCESS FLOW VALVE MEMBER NOTIFICATION

Dear Member,

A new regulation by the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) requires Jo-Carroll Energy to notify all natural gas members about Excess Flow Valves (EFVs) and to install an EFV if requested.

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 excess flow valve 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 the member one may be installed. Jo-Carroll Energy routinely installs EFVs during new installations and replacements. Your service may have an EFV installed.

If you notify us that you want an EFV, we will contact you and evaluate your service to determine if an EFV is appropriate and what the estimated cost will be. The amount charged will not exceed \$1,200 and is payable prior to construction. This amount will include all labor, equipment and materials but will not include restoration of grounds disturbed by excavation.

The installation of an EFV would take one day and would require the excavation of the service line at the connection to the main line. Installation will be done on a mutually agreeable date, depending on weather and operational needs at Jo-Carroll Energy. Typically, installation will be completed within 30 days during construction season (April through November).

After initial installation, if it becomes necessary to replace the EFV on your service line, we will replace the EFV at no charge to you.

If you would like to have an EFV installed or have any questions, please call our main office at 800-858-5522. For more information on EFVs, please visit [www.jocarroll.com](http://www.jocarroll.com).

Sincerely,

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