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Dear ERPUD Customer,

Elk River Public Utility District is notifying you of the availability of an excess flow valve (EFV), which is a mechanical device that can be installed in the service line to your home or business. An EFV is designed to automatically shut off the flow of natural gas if the service line breaks or is severed, for example, by an excavation accident. Stopping the flow of gas from a broken service line may reduce the risk of a natural gas fire, explosion, personal injury and/or property damage.

Elk River Public Utility District (ERPUD) has been installing an EFV on most new or replacement single family residential service lines since approximately February 2010 with over 5,200 installed to date.

If you are interested in having an EFV installed on your service line or would like to verify whether one is already installed, please give us a call or visit one of our three conveniently located offices in Tullahoma, Manchester or Winchester. If you do not currently have an EFV installed and would like to have one, an ERPUD representative will make a site visit to review the installation with you and schedule a mutually agreeable time for us to install an EFV.

The customer cost of installing an EFV on a residential service line is \$300. The customer cost for a commercial EFV is 50% of the total labor and material cost. Industry experience indicates that EFV's rarely malfunction; however ERPUD will maintain or replace a malfunctioning EFV at no charge to you.

An EFV will not close if a leak occurs past the gas meter on house piping or appliances and does not provide protection beyond the meter. EFV's also may not close if the leak on the service line is small.

EFV's cannot be installed on some service lines due to high flow of gas, low pressure or other factors. For customers with a total connected load above 1000 standard cubic feet per hour, either an EFV or a manual service line shut off valve (e.g., curb valve) may be used.

For more information about EFV's see the video here: <https://youtu.be/ogelz7YQris>

