

March 1, 2017

Dear Village of Morton Gas Customer,

The Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration has issued a new regulation that requires us to offer an Excess Flow Valve (EFV) to our customers. An Excess Flow Valve (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 a Village of Morton Gas Customer one may be installed. 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. If you would like an EFV installed in your service line, the cost you will pay will range from \$1,250 - \$2,500. This includes all labor, equipment and restoration of the excavation site. 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 to the homeowner.

The Village of Morton Gas Dept. has installed EFV's on all new residential homes since Feb 25, 1999.

If you would like to have an EFV installed or have any questions, please call our main office at (309)266-5361.

If you are an Ameren Illinois natural gas customer and would like an EFV installed or have questions, please contact Ameren Illinois at 888-659-4540 or [IllinoisConstruction@ameren.com](mailto:IllinoisConstruction@ameren.com)

Sincerely,

Village of Morton Gas Dept.