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### **PIPELINE PURPOSE and RELIABILITY**

The United States relies on natural gas for much of its energy needs. Natural gas is clean, convenient, and efficient, which makes it the country's most popular home heating fuel.

Every day in the United States, several million cubic feet of natural gas travels through an underground pipeline delivery system to approximately 70 million customers. The natural gas flows from deep inside the earth into producing wells and then gathering pipelines. These smaller pipelines eventually feed into the large transmission pipes that crisscross the nation. Compressors keep the gas moving through the transmission system at high pressure.

After a journey of up to 700 miles per day, the natural gas arrives at the local utility's gate station. Some of the natural gas is stored underground for later use, the rest of the gas is sent by the utility through the transmission system at high pressure.

The normal pressure for natural gas traveling through a household's pipes is less than the pressure created by a child blowing bubbles through a straw in a glass of milk.

Safety incidents on natural gas pipelines are rare but do occur. Excavation and other outside force damage, generally by third parties, represent the leading cause of incidents. Before you dig, call 811.

Safety is the number-one priority of the natural gas industry. The pipeline infrastructure, which includes 1.5 million miles of natural gas pipeline, is the nation's safest energy delivery system, according to U.S. government statistics. Together, gas utility and pipeline companies invest billions annually to ensure that natural gas is delivered in a safe and reliable manner.

**TEMPORARY CHANGE IN HOURS:** To allow our staff the opportunity to enjoy the summer, we will be closing the office at noon most Friday's during the summer months. We still respond to all emergency calls and concerns about natural gas leaks 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and 365 days a year.



**OFFICE CLOSED  
MONDAY, JULY 5TH**

**GAS COMPANY HAPPENINGS:** In July, Fountaintown Gas will be working with USDI surveying the natural gas system. You may notice USDI personnel walking our natural gas system and performing inspections. The Gas Co. continues to work on our GPS Mapping Project. The GPS Mapping will have personnel locating all services, mains, and other portions of our natural gas system. Please practice social distancing when approaching our personnel that are at or near your property. Thank you for your cooperation, and please contact the office with any questions or concerns.

**\*Budget Application Period is Closed\***

### **BUDGET BILLING**

**If you are participating in the Budget Billing Program, the budget year begins with this billing statement. If you have any questions regarding your budget amount due, please contact the office.**

Budget payments are due by the 17<sup>th</sup> of the month by close-of-business. A late fee is added for late payments, regardless of account balance. Missed payments may result in being removed from the Budget Billing Program.

Budget amounts will be reviewed in December, and if there is a major change in the usage on the account a change may be made to the monthly amount due.

If you utilize your bank's online bill pay option, please review your bill pay option to ensure the proper amount is paid.

Thank you for participating in the Budget Billing Program.