

Excess Flow Valves (EFV's)

An excess flow valve (EFV) is a safety device designed to automatically stop or significantly reduce the flow of natural gas through the service line if it exceeds a predetermined rate. A new regulation from the federal Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration has expanded the use of these valves.

EFVs are typically installed in the service line near the underground main pipeline. Once installed, an EFV may prevent the build-up of natural gas in the event of a major leak. However, it should be noted that this does not stop the flow of gas if the leak is slow or after the customer's service meter and regulator.

Customers can now request to have an EFV installed on their service line if they do not currently have one. Installation will be at the customer's own expense which ranges from \$750 to \$1000. Eligibility for an EFV is determined by the system pressure that feeds the service and will be determined by VPU. For more information, please contact: Aaron Asleson, Director of Outside Distribution, at 218-748-2104.