



POLICY # NG 017

NATURAL GAS BILLABLE PROJECTS

DEPARTMENT: Gas Utility

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POLICY STATEMENT

The County strives to utilize resources required to perform its core functions to carry out projects that expand the use and benefits of natural gas and return profits to gas infrastructure and the County.

PURPOSE

To establish a process for approval of billable services carried out by the County Gas Utility.

DEFINITIONS

“County” shall mean the County of Vermilion River;

“County Gas Service” also referred to as a “Gas Premise”, shall mean a primary natural gas service provided to a Customer within the County Franchise Area, for the purpose of delivering natural gas to the customer, typically including an underground gas service line, gas service riser and a gas meter;



“County Gas System” shall mean all natural gas pipelines and associated infrastructure owned and operated by the County of Vermilion River under the Gas Franchise granted to the County by the Province of Alberta or other Gas Distributors;

“Facility” shall mean infrastructure connected to gas pipelines for the purpose of aiding with transportation or distribution of gas including but not limited to regulating, compression, metering, odorizing, conditioning, monitoring and SCADA equipment;

“Gas Line” shall mean a pipeline used to store and move natural gas;

“Primary” shall mean a gas line owned by the County as a part of the County Gas System;

“Secondary” shall mean a gas line not owned by the County but associated with a County Gas Service;

POLICY

1. Ancillary Services as defined in this Policy are to be carried out as County Gas resources are available outside of the Capital, Operational and Core Services required to operate the County Gas System.
2. The projected Capital, Operational, Core and Ancillary Services, including the types of projects and services expected to be carried out, and the resources required, shall be presented to Council for approval each year in the County Gas Annual Budget.
3. The following billable services shall be considered Core Services:
 - a. Primary gas line and facility installations
 - b. Secondary gas line and facility installations
 - c. Service calls and repairs associated with a County Gas Service, Secondary, or connected Appliance
 - d. Upgrades or modifications to a County Gas Service or Secondary
4. The following billable services shall be considered Standard Ancillary Services:
 - a. Any gas line or facility installation not connected to the County Gas System of a total estimated cost billable to customer less than \$25,000



- b. Gas line or facility installation not connected to the County Gas System, of a total estimated cost billable to customer between \$25,000 & \$250,000, and within the Province of Alberta
 - c. Operational services and consulting to other gas distributors of a total estimated cost billable to customer under \$10,000
 - d. Resale of natural gas regulators, valves, pipe, fittings, or risers
 - e. Natural gas appliance sale, installation, repair and service.
 - f. Non-gas excavation, line-locating, or other services utilizing existing County Gas Utility resources of a total estimated cost billable to customer less than \$5,000
5. Any billable services that are not listed in Sections 2 or 3 of this Policy shall be considered Non-Standard Ancillary Services
6. Core Services and Standard Ancillary Services are subject to approval by the Director of Gas Utility or designate.
7. Non-Standard Ancillary Services are subject to approval by Council.