

4901:5-25-04

Actions in anticipation of an imminent energy emergency.

(A) In anticipation of an imminent energy emergency, the commission may, by order, require that each regulated gas supplier:

(1) Notify its consumers through reports in the news media, electronic notice, or written notice where appropriate, about an imminent shortage of gas or interruption of gas service and request its consumers to reduce their consumption of gas and to implement energy conservation measures. These measures shall include, but are not limited to, the following:

- (a) Curtailing outdoor gas lighting, except for essential safety and security purposes.
- (b) Reducing gas water heating temperatures.
- (c) Reducing space heating temperatures for buildings, factories, and transportation facilities.

(2) Issue periodic reports to notify consumers about the following:

- (a) Gas supply levels.
- (b) Plans and procedures for gas transfers, restrictions, curtailments, and reallocations pursuant to the gas supplier's curtailment plan or commission order.
- (c) Projected or actual dates when consumers or classes of consumers would be subject to curtailment, reallocation, or restriction.

(3) Implement gas supply measures that include:

- (a) Fulfilling gas requirements for priority use by its consumers.
- (b) Transferring gas supplies to other gas suppliers to fulfill priority use requirements of consumers of the recipient gas suppliers.
- (c) Reallocating and/or curtailing gas supplies among its consumers. Each gas supplier that curtails deliveries of sales and/or transportation gas to consumers who obtain gas on an interruptible basis shall curtail gas deliveries pursuant to its curtailment plan and voluntary arrangements with individual consumers. Each gas supplier shall, to the extent reasonably feasible, monitor consumer compliance with its curtailments of gas, and shall report the level of compliance to the commission periodically, as requested.

- (B) Nothing in this rule shall preclude a gas supplier, after notification to the commission, from initiating its curtailment plans prior to commission directive, in order to meet operational needs.
- (C) Actions ordered by the commission pursuant to this rule shall supersede filed curtailment plans to the extent there is a conflict.

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