

4901:5-25-05**Actions taken upon declaration of energy emergency.**

(A) Voluntary curtailment. Upon declaration of an energy emergency by the governor, the following provisions shall be applicable:

(1) Each gas supplier included within paragraphs (G)(4) to (G)(6) of rule 4901:5-25-01 of the Administrative Code:

(a) Shall contact its consumers and alert them to the declaration of an energy emergency and impending shortage of gas.

(b) Shall appeal to its consumers to reduce their consumption of gas on a voluntary basis. The appeals shall, where appropriate, include suggestions for achieving such reductions by all gas consumers.

(c) May initiate service restrictions, as set forth in rule 4901:5-25-06 of the Administrative Code.

(d) Shall provide its consumers information regarding actions the gas supplier will take to allocate the available gas supply, the time period(s) these actions will take place, and procedures for how consumers may substantiate a claim for priority use.

(e) Shall report to the commission information that the commission determines necessary to manage the energy emergency.

(2) The commission may:

(a) Calculate the remaining gas supply for priority use in a reasonable manner.

(b) Provide information to suppliers and consumers regarding appropriate gas conservation measures.

(c) Provide public service announcements on television or other media, regarding the declaration of an energy emergency and the impending shortage of gas.

(d) Require, by order any gas supplier to:

(i) Reallocate and/or curtail gas supplies among its consumers.

(ii) Fulfill gas priority use requirements for its consumers.

(iii) Transfer gas supplies to other gas suppliers to fulfill gas priority use requirements of consumers of the recipient gas suppliers.

(iv) Monitor consumer compliance with mandatory emergency actions.

(B) During an energy emergency, the governor may order mandatory curtailment of the use of gas after consultation with the commission and the appropriate gas providers and consumers.

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