

Customers to see lower natural gas bill this winter

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SourceGas Distribution LLC “SourceGas” announced Friday, Dec. 3 that customers in the Northeastern service area will see a net decrease of approximately 20 percent for a typical residential peak winter month bill.

The net decrease is the result of two filings recently approved by the Colorado Public Utilities Commission (CPUC). On Nov. 1 the CPUC approved a significant decrease in the natural gas commodity (GCA) for customers in the Northeastern service area.

Effective Dec. 3 the CPUC also approved a non-gas base rate adjustment that is expected to result in an approximate 0.3 percent increase in a peak winter month residential bill. This increase is due to facility investments, expenses and taxes associated with providing quality natural gas service to approximately 7,000 SourceGas customers in the Northeastern service area. This is the first non-gas base rate increase since 2008.

“Natural gas continues to be the fuel of choice for Colorado’s energy needs. It’s clean, efficient, economical and domestically produced,” said Bill Cantrell, President and CEO of SourceGas.

“While our customers are seeing the benefit of lower natural gas prices compared to previous years, we also want to help our customers conserve this valuable energy resource.”

Cantrell added, “Through our ‘Excess Is Out’ energy efficiency programs, SourceGas offers customers energy audits, rebates on equipment and insulation measures, no-cost energy efficiency upgrades for income qualified residential customers and a custom program for larger commercial and industrial gas customers.”

Additional information, rebate guidelines and details on the programs are available at www.ExcessIsOut.com or by calling 1-877-974-7688.

In addition, SourceGas recommends a number of options that can help customers keep their

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energy costs in check, including: utilizing balanced billing to stabilize bills; setting thermostats back, especially at night or when away (each degree represents a two-three percent savings on heating bills); installing weather stripping and window caulking; closing doors to rooms not being used; and inspecting the heating system to ensure it is operating efficiently.

Additional information on the non-gas rate adjustment is available online at www.SourceGas.com/about/tariffs/colorado-rate-filing

SourceGas is a natural gas local distribution utility headquartered in Lakewood. SourceGas and its affiliates serve nearly 410,000 customers and operate 17,940 miles of distribution, gathering and transmission pipeline, as well as storage facilities, in Arkansas, Colorado, Nebraska and Wyoming.

SourceGas and its affiliates also provide gas transportation, in-home HVAC and appliance service and sales, as well as gas commodity sales services to its natural gas customers.