

LA CYGNE EMERGENCY GAS ORDER

Regarding the current situation involving the gas supply for our city, the City of La Cygne is reaching out today to advise all its citizens on the actions that must be taken to avoid a potential shut off of the gas supply.

Due to the extensive increase in open market pricing for gas which occurred on February 12, 2021, when KMGGA purchased the gas supply for the extended weekend through today, a financial burden has been placed on KMGGA and all entities within their pool. Pricing for gas supply, which had been \$3/mmbtu is now at a rate of \$325/mmbtu. KMGGA is pursuing all possible avenues to address this extreme event including action at the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, as well as engagement with Governor Kelly and her administration, including the Kansas Corporation Commission, Division of Emergency Management and other federal entities.

DETAILS

In order for the City to avoid turning off the valve for our citizens, it is necessary to ask each business, industrial plant, school, and residential household to reduce their usage, minimize their living space, temporarily close their business, or reduce their industrial production in an attempt to conserve the gas supply.

Our efforts right now are to ensure we have gas supply for all citizens.

COST

The financial reality is that the gas supply will have to be paid for if we maintain service. By reducing the volume (usage), we are reducing our total costs. Our city budget is only capable to carry so much financial burden. An example of cost at these rates:

The City's cost for one month's supply of 12,000 mmbtu at \$2.628 would equal \$31,536.00.

The City's cost for one month's supply of 12,000 mmbtu at \$325.00 would equal \$3,900,000.00.

The City's gas supply is not guaranteed, and if KMGGA or the City are financially unable to meet the cost for the gas supply then we could be faced with the decision to turn off the City's gas.

We, as your governing body, are asking you to take action on items listed on the back of the page to ensure the City can provide gas service for all its citizens.

HOW TO HELP REDUCE LA CYGNE'S GAS USAGE

RESIDENTIAL HOUSEHOLDS

- Reduce your thermostat to a range of 62 – 64 degrees.
- Seal leaks around doors and windows.
- Close blinds and curtains.
- Minimize your living space (close doors to rooms that aren't necessary).
- Hold off on doing chores such as laundry, washing dishes, and other chores which utilize gas supply.
- Reduce temperature on your water heater.
- If you have extended family in town consider keeping everyone in one house.

INDUSTRIAL/COMMERCIAL/SCHOOLS/CHURCHES

- Industrial users either close temporarily or attempt to reduce usage by half.
- Schools close temporarily and turn thermostats down.
- Commercial businesses close temporarily and turn thermostats down.
- Churches meet virtually and turn thermostats down.

HAZARDOUS ACTIONS TO AVOID

- Do not use a fireplace that has not been inspected or used recently.
- Do not overload electrical circuits with space heaters.
- Do not open electric oven doors as a source to provide heat.
- Do not use propane torpedo heaters indoors.
- Do not use BBQ grills indoors.
- Do not leave electric blankets unattended.

The city will use all means of communication available to notify citizens of any changes to the supply of gas for our community.

(Facebook: "La Cygne City Hall" Website: www.cityoflacygne.org Door-to-Door flyers Any telecommunication services available)

Questions or complaints: contact your senators, state representatives, and attorney general.