## THE RNG PIPELINE-

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### KANSAS CITY AND OTHER METROS PROVIDE CLEAN RIDES FOR KIDS. FROM ENERGY.GOV

In March 2011, the Kansas City, Kansas School District welcomed some newcomers to their community – 47 natural gas school buses deployed as part of the Clean Cities Alternative Fuel Vehicle Pilot Program, supported by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. Kansas City's mayor, the school's director of transportation, and the Kansas City Clean Cities coordinator introduced the new vehicles to the crowd, describing how they can help reduce America's dependence on imported oil while also saving money, reducing pollution, and teaching students about new technology. The buses' first runs will begin next week, after the students return from spring break. In addition to the buses, the project also supported the installation of a compressed natural gas filling station.

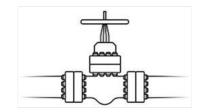
As a domestic, cleaner fuel, natural gas is a great fit for school bus fleets like Kansas City. Natural gas vehicles produce far fewer air pollutants than the old diesel vehicles they will replace, including emissions that contribute to smog. These pollutants can contribute to asthma, heart disease and bronchitis. As children's lungs are still developing, protecting them from this pollution is particularly important. Natural gas vehicles also produce fewer greenhouse gases that contribute to climate change. In addition, because natural gas prices are typically lower and may be more predictable than prices for petroleum fuels, schools using natural gas buses can save money on their transportation costs. Perhaps best of all, teachers can use alternative fuel school buses as teaching tools to help students learn how these technologies affect their lives and benefit their communities. In fact, another part of the project focuses on outreach, encouraging the adoption of alternative fuel vehicles in the Midwest.

This award is part of a larger, \$15 million Metropolitan Energy Information Center Midwest Region Alternative Fuels Project. This project will install 27 alternative fuel stations and bring 373 alternative fuel and advanced technology vehicles to Midwest roads.

#### Save time - PAY BY PHONE

Raton Natural Gas Company gives you access to your account 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. It's a convenient way to pay your bills on your own time.

Call 833-259-4018 today to make your payment over the phone!



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In addition to natural gas, this award will also deploy biofuels infrastructure, electric vehicle chargers and electric drive vehicles. This project, like so many Recovery Act projects, provides direct benefits today while building a sustainable foundation for tomorrow.

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#### RESIDENTIAL AVERAGE MONTHLY PAY-MENT PLAN (AMP)

March 2022

Dear Residential Customer,

Now is the time to sign up for our budget payment plan. This program is called the "AMP" plan. It is designed to help our residential customers pay a fixed monthly payment year-round, rather than paying a low bill in the summer months and, a higher bill in the winter months.

#### To Qualify:

- ✓ Your gas account must be current & at a zero balance by April 15th
- ✓ Form to the right must be completed & returned to our office by April 15th
- ✓ Your account must remain current & paid in full by the due date each month

The Raton Natural Gas billing system calculates a fixed average to determine your AMP amount. Average monthly payments are evaluated throughout the year and may go up or down based on your usage and updated estimates of energy costs. Late payments may lead to an account being dropped from Budget Billing.

During the summer months, the AMP amount is higher than what is actually owed. This extra amount remains in your account throughout the summer months as a "Reserve" that is applied during the winter months. During the winter months, the AMP amount is lower than what is actually owed, because the reserve is being used to pay for the higher gas usage. Your Reserve amount could be depleted during the winter season due to higher usage and higher gas costs. If this occurs, your monthly bill will include the additional amount for the Reserve shortage.

If you are to discontinue your gas service or be removed from the AMP program, you will be responsible for paying any reserve amount credited to your account.

Please complete the form on the back and return to our office by April 15th. You can use the drop boxes located at the banks, the drop box at our office, or you can mail to P.O. Box 308, Raton, NM 87740.

If you are already enrolled in the Residential AMP Budget Plan, you do not need to re-apply.

Thank you, Raton Natural Gas

# ACCOUNT INFORMATION FOR RESIDENTIAL AMP BUDGET PLAN

ONLY FOR NEW PARTICIPANTS

| NAME:            |  |
|------------------|--|
| SERVICE ADDRESS: |  |
| ACCOUNT #:       |  |

THIS FORM AUTHORIZES RATON NATURAL GAS TO CLASSIFY MY ACCOUNT AS AN "AMP BUDGET PLAN ACCOUNT."

I UNDERSTAND THAT MY PARTICIPATION IN THE AMP BUDGET PLAN WILL:

- ✓ INCREASE MY SUMMER BILLS TO BUILD A RE-SERVE AMOUNT THAT WILL BE APPLIED TO MY WINTER BILLS
- ✓ REQUIRE THAT MY ACCOUNT BE KEPT CUR-RENT AND PAID EACH MONTH BY THE DUE DATE
- ✓ REQUIRE ME TO PAY ANY RESERVE SHORTAGE IF I TERMINATE MY PARTICIPATION IN THE AMP BUDGET PLAN
- ✓ REQUIRE ME TO PAY ANY RESERVE SHORTAGE IF MY USAGE OR GAS COSTS EXCEED THE FIXED AVERAGE

| CUSTOMER SIGNATURE: |  |
|---------------------|--|
| DATE:               |  |

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM WITH YOUR GAS
PAYMENT OR
USE THE DROP BOX LOCATED IN FRONT OF
OUR OFFICE

IF YOU ARE ALREADY ENROLLED IN THE RESIDENTIAL AMP BUDGET PLAN,
YOU DO NOT NEED TO FILL OUT THIS FORM

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