

Division of Gas – Policies and Procedures Manual Standard Policies and Procedures	
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1.0 PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to outline Athens Utilities Board's (AUB) policy involving the installation and use of excess flow valves for natural gas lines.

2.0 SCOPE

This policy applies to all new and existing customers purchasing natural gas from AUB.

3.0 REFERENCES

- (1) Athens Utilities Board, Division of Gas, Rules and Regulations and Extension Policies
- (2) International Fuel Gas Code
- (3) 49 CFR 192

4.0 GENERAL

Excess flow valves shall be installed and maintained in conjunction with this policy and AUB procedure *AUB-03-02, Meter and Line Extension Policy*.

5.0 DEFINITIONS

AUB – means the Athens Utilities Board, and its duly authorized employees, agents, and representatives

Board – means the Chairman and all Commissioners but does not include any employees

BTUH – The measurement of heat value of natural gas as defined by the British Thermal Unit per Hour

Customer – Any person, business, or other entity that receives natural gas service from Athens Utilities Board, Division of Natural Gas

Division – The Athens Utilities Board, Division of Gas

Installer – A bonded gas fitter as on file with AUB

Local Control Authority – Superintendent of Gas or duly authorized representative

Service Connection – Shall mean the tap of the main and that portion of the line extending from the tap of the main to and including the meter and meter installation.

6.0 POLICY/PROCEDURES

6.1 General Requirements

The AUB Natural Gas System is required to comply with all Pipeline Safety Regulations as set forth in 49 CFR 192.53.

When a service line serving only one residential customer is installed or replaced, 49 CFR Section 192.383 requires the Utility to install an excess flow valve on that service line. An excess flow valve is intended to stop the flow of gas should the flow exceed a set rate such as when the service line is broken by construction or other accidents.

6.2 Customer Responsibilities

1. Installation of an excess flow valve is mandatory.
2. The customer shall bear the initial set costs of installation.
3. An excess flow valve will not protect against the following events:
 - a. Customer appliance gas leaks
 - b. Small gas service-line punctures
 - c. Gas meter-set leaks
4. AUB Gas Division makes no warranty for continued proper excess flow valve operation under normal use conditions and/or false valve closure under any gas system operating conditions.