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October 4, 2024

Dear Homeowner/Business Owner,

Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. (Montana-Dakota) would like to update you regarding developments in the natural gas extension project. If you have signed up for natural gas service, we will be moving forward with construction starting the week of October 14th. If you have not signed up for natural gas service, now is your last chance to ensure you receive natural gas service prior to this winter. Contact one of Montana-Dakota's representatives below and they can help you sign up for natural gas service.

Montana-Dakota no longer expects natural gas service to be available on November 1, 2024. Weather conditions this summer slowed down progress on the construction of the transmission line. Additionally, the availability of a contractor and changes to the project during the planning stage this summer has delayed the start of construction within the City of Kindred. Montana-Dakota now anticipates that natural gas will be available around **December 1, 2024**.

Montana-Dakota will notify you when gas is available, so you can convert your equipment and have your meter installed. In preparation for the installation of your service line, we have included some information you need to be aware of and when to contact Montana-Dakota, if necessary.

Propane Conversions

- Montana-Dakota is planning to extend the service line from the main to your existing propane entrance, as long as the location meets the company standards as shown on the enclosed diagram. **No** structures or buildings can be located over Montana-Dakota owned natural gas lines.
- If you would like your natural gas service to enter in a different location, the existing location does not meet the standards, or if you are planning any outbuilding in the near future, please contact Megan Stock at 218-739-6605 to discuss your service line and meter location, no later than October 25, 2024.
- Montana-Dakota service lines will be extended by the shortest route from the mains located near the street to the meter location. All meters must be outside and should be located on the side of the building. Montana-Dakota requires a 4-foot clear zone in front of the gas meter and the meter be located 36 inches from the electric meter and any opinion portions of a window. Also, the meter should be located away from doors, building overhangs, and any intake ducts. Meters and associated equipment should be protected from falling ice, snow, water, etc. Montana-Dakota's Meter Location Standards are shown on the enclosed diagram.

Fuel Oil & Electric Conversions

- If you are converting from fuel oil or electric, please contact Megan Stock at 218-739-6605 to discuss your service line and meter location no later than October 25, 2024.

Additional Information

- When locates are performed prior to Montana-Dakota installing mains or service lines, customers are responsible for locating any downstream customer-owned facilities, including, but not limited to sprinkler systems, customer downstream piping, and customer-owned electric facilities. Montana-Dakota will not be responsible for damage to facilities that were not located and properly marked prior to construction. If you are aware of underground facilities in areas that have been located, please mark them, or contact an HVAC contractor to have them locate the facilities.
- Now is a good time to begin preparing for your conversion to natural gas by contacting your contractor to get an estimate or to schedule your conversion. Contacting your contractor early will ensure they can plan for your conversion and have parts or equipment in stock.
- A pressure test of your home's gas piping is required and must be performed by a qualified HVAC contractor per local jurisdictional code.
- When Montana-Dakota has notified you that gas is available at your residence, you will need to call 1-800-638-3278 to set up your account and request a meter. Please have the enclosed *Service Information Page* completed and ready when you call to request a meter.
- Montana-Dakota's standard delivery pressure is 5 oz. Please make sure your HVAC contractor is aware of the standard delivery pressure so they correctly size any piping and equipment that they may need to install. If elevated pressure above 5 oz. is needed, please reach out to one of Montana-Dakota's representatives below to discuss your options.

Information about the project and the application for service form can be found at <https://www.montana-dakota.com/in-the-community/special-projects/kindred-natural-gas-expansion-project/> or by scanning the QR code below. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact one of Montana-Dakota's representatives.

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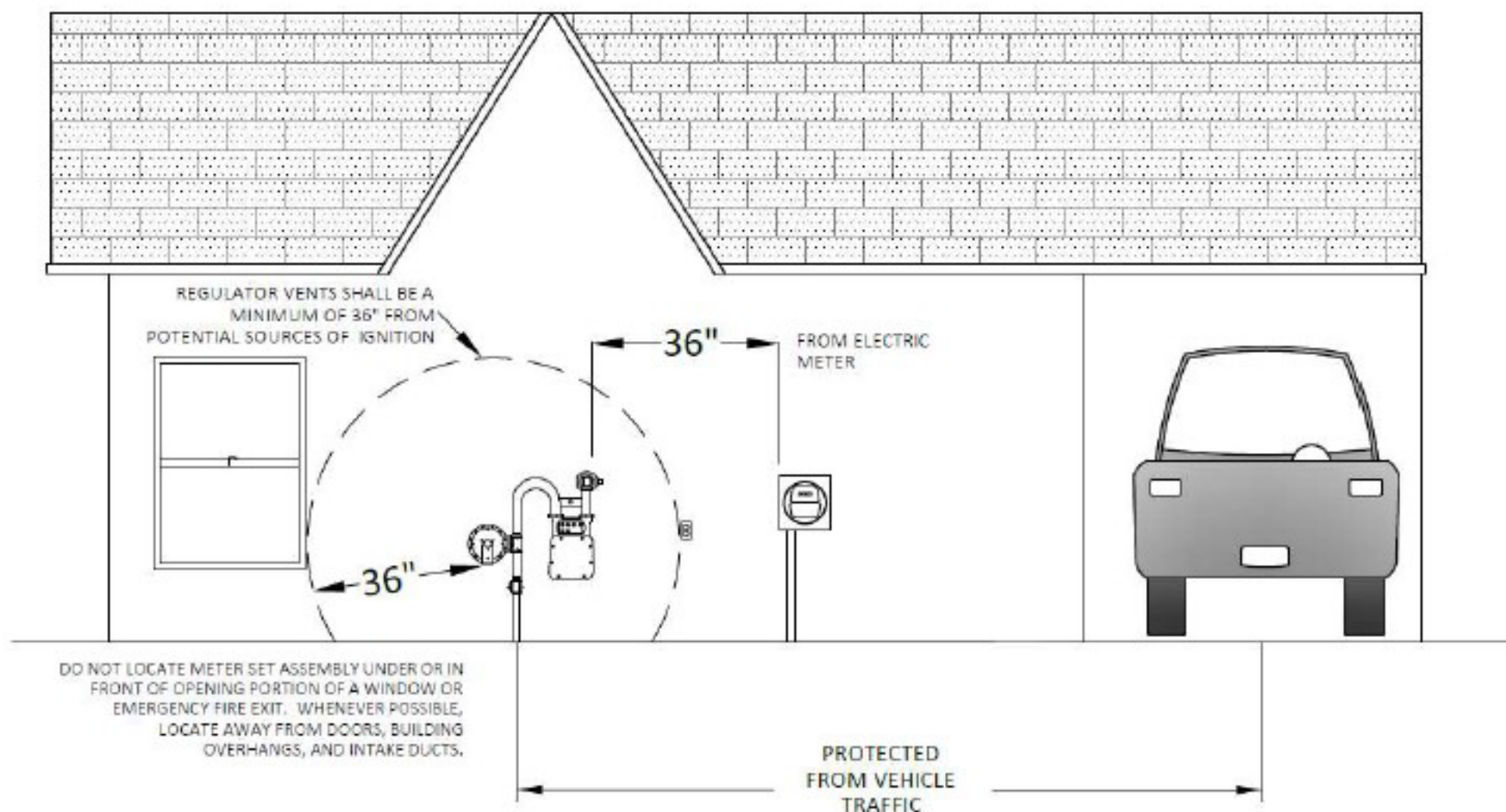
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Enclosures



METER LOCATION STANDARDS



Service Information Page

Customer Information:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Customer Type: Residential Commercial

Type of Structure(s): (Home, Garage, Mobile Home, etc.):

Contractor Information (to be completed by HVAC contractor prior to meter request):

Contractor Name: _____

Contractor Phone Number: _____

Desired Gas Delivery Pressure (5oz is the standard delivery pressure for Residential Customers):

5oz _____ 2lb _____ Other: _____

Is Customer Piping Tied Into Meter Bar (Yes/No): _____

Has Service Line Been Installed (Yes/No): _____

Are Water and Power On (Yes/No): _____

Has Pressure Test Been Completed (Yes/No): _____

Please have this sheet completed and ready when you call Montana-Dakota to request a meter and setup your account. To request a meter, please call **1-800-638-3278**.