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NEW MEXICO GAS COMPANY WARNS ABOUT MAN POSING AS COLLECTOR CUSTOMER WAS APPROACHED TO MAKE A PAYMENT

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. – New Mexico Gas Company is warning customers in Albuquerque and Rio Rancho to use caution after an individual posing as a bill collector approached a customer's home and demanded an immediate payment.

The customer reported that a white male who came to his Rio Rancho residence on Wednesday wore a white shirt bearing an NMGC logo. The man threatened to shut off the customer's natural gas if no payment was made.

However, this individual was not associated with New Mexico Gas Company.

"In the past, we have had scammers who have contacted our customers over the phone to demand a payment," NMGC President Ryan Shell said. "This is the first episode in recent memory where someone apparently impersonated an NMGC employee, walked up to a customer's door and asked for money."

Customers are reminded that they can always ask for identification if someone claims to be an NMGC employee. They also can call us at 1-888-664-2726 to confirm that an individual at their home is an NMGC employee. Additional information is available on NMGC's <u>website</u>.

Anyone with information about this week's incident is asked to contact the Rio Rancho Police Department at (505) 891-7226.

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