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NEW MEXICO GAS COMPANY WILL RESUME NORMAL BILLING PRACTICES

ASSISTANCE IS AVAILABLE FOR CUSTOMERS WHO HAVE FALLEN BEHIND

ALBUQUERQUE – New Mexico Gas Company is returning to normal billing practices, including disconnection of service for customers with past due amounts, on August 12.

Help is available, and delinquent customers are urged to contact NMGC immediately for information on payment assistance programs or to make payment arrangements.

"We'd prefer not to disconnect any customers. That's always a last resort," NMGC President Ryan Shell said. "We want to help. We're here to work with customers who have fallen behind. For customers who need assistance, please don't wait until August 12, when the transition period ends and disconnections resume. Customers in need should call us or come see us right away."

To get help or make payment arrangements, customers can:

- Call us at 1-888-664-2726.
- Visit any of our 22 statewide payment centers.
- Go to our website at nmgco.com/assistance to learn more.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, NMGC established \$1.2 million in assistance programs for small business customers and income-qualified residential customers.

Residential customers can apply for help through New Mexico Gas Company's <u>HEAT New Mexico</u> program. Small business owners can apply online at <u>www.nmgco.com/SmallBusiness/CovidRelief.</u>

Payment assistance is also available for residential customers through the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) and the State of New Mexico Emergency Renters Assistance Program.

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About New Mexico Gas Company

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