



The Town of Rangely along with the rest of the Nation were impacted by the Natural Gas Prices and severe temperatures. You will see a large increase in your natural gas bill for February. Due to circumstances beyond our control, the price of natural gas rose sharply. The Town of Rangely has done everything it can to mitigate these costs, but an increase could not be avoided.

The Town had pre-purchased more than half of the natural gas used in February. If the Town had not done this, the gas bills would have increased another 40%. The Town is also going to take \$0.20 per CCF off of their normal charge for operating the gas system. This will further help mitigate some of the expense. Please understand that the Town must cover this increase as well.

The polar vortex that hit parts of our country (Texas, Oklahoma and others) in February caused temperatures to plummet and the demand for natural gas rose sharply. This demand caused the price of natural gas to increase at an alarming rate. The good news is that the spike in pricing is now over and natural gas prices are back to normal in March. This was an event that no one saw coming and something that is a very rare occurrence.

We want our customers to know that this is a one-time increase that was unforeseen and unavoidable. We have done what we can to ease the burden on our customers and will work with individuals as needed.

