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At approximately 0826 on Friday February 8th Chaffee County OEM received a call about a gas service interruption that has the potential to effect Chaffee County. This alert stems from the gas outage that is ongoing in Summit County. Xcel Energy, who supplies high pressure gas to Atmos Energy, has experienced a loss of pressure in their system although they have been unable to determine where the breach is. As of now the primary impacts are being seen in Summit County and Xcel Energy has been able to maintain enough pressure in the system to minimize impacts outside of Summit County. Following a 1500 coordination call with Colorado Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, Xcel Energy and other state partners we have learned that Xcel has reconfigured their supply system to keep the gas supply maintained until the breach can be located. Atmos Energy wants to stress that “upon returning home tonight, if you smell gas please leave the area immediately and call our emergency line at 1-866-322-8667. If your natural gas appliances are not working properly, please don’t try and fix anything. Instead, call us at 1-866-322-8667 to speak with an Atmos Energy Representative”.

With that said, depending on where the breach ends up being located there may be impacts to Chaffee County during the repairs. Since the system has been stabilized the repairs should occur in a systematic manner with lots of advance notice and coordination. We must stress that there are currently no impacts or outages being reported in Chaffee County, but we would like residents to be prepared in case this situation changes. Please make a plan and start thinking about how you can keep yourselves warm if we experience an outage. County-wide agencies are developing plans in case of an outage but again, there are no current outages and there is no current emergency. We will keep you updated as information becomes available.

Respectfully,

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