

POLICY NO:	NG 002
POLICY TITLE:	SECURITY DEPOSITS WITH RENTERS OF PROPERTY RECEIVING NATURAL GAS SERVICE
DEPARTMENT:	NATURAL GAS UTILITY
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Policy Statement:

The County of Vermilion River Gas Utility requires all renters of property being served by natural gas within the County’s natural gas franchise area to provide a security deposit. As our natural gas service contract is signed with the property owner, even though the property is rented out, the owner is ultimately responsible for any outstanding accounts of the renter not paid in full, when the renter terminates.

Purpose:

The security deposit is to be used to protect the County Gas Utility from renters terminating and leaving premises with outstanding natural gas charges.

Policy

1. All Renters are required to provide a guarantee of payment in the form of a cash deposit to be paid before the billing for gas service is transferred into their name. The amount of the deposit for rural and urban residences, as well as commercial buildings that use large volumes, are set out by Council from time to time in a rate bylaw.
2. Interest on each security deposit held by the County shall be calculated at the rate specified from time to time in The Landlord and Tenant Act and shall be credited to the account of the renter annually.
3. Upon termination of natural gas service to a renter, that renter’s security deposit together with any interest on the deposit, which has not been credited to him less any amount then owing by him to the County, shall be refunded.
4. In the event the owner does not want his renter to pay a security deposit and he agrees to be responsible for any outstanding balance remaining unpaid after his renter has been terminated, the owner must sign a waiver.