

Waiver of Gas Service Deposit Letter for Victim of Family Violence

Family violence service providers, medical personnel and law enforcement can assist a victim of family violence in establishing gas service by completing this letter. The victim should deliver the signed original to the gas company when applying for new service.

Name of Applicant for Gas Service

Date of Birth (*optional*)

This letter serves to verify that the above named applicant is a victim of family violence as defined by Texas Family Code §71.004¹.

Pursuant to Railroad Commission Substantive Rules Applicable to Gas Utility Service, §7.45 (5)(C)(i), (effective 11/10/03)², the above named applicant has demonstrated satisfactory credit for the purposes of establishing gas service. This rule applies to investor-owned gas utilities under jurisdiction of the Railroad Commission of Texas³.

Family violence center staff, treating medical personnel, or law enforcement personnel:

Signature

Date

Printed name

Telephone number

Name of center, medical facility, or law enforcement unit

¹ §71.004, Texas Family Code:

“Family violence” means an act by a member of a family or household against another member of the family or household that is intended to result in physical harm, bodily injury, assault, or sexual assault or that is a threat that reasonably places the member in fear of imminent physical harm, bodily injury, assault, or sexual assault, but does not include defensive measures to protect oneself; or dating violence, as that term is defined by Section 71.0021.

² Railroad Commission Substantive Rule, §7.45(5)(C)(i):

Each gas utility shall waive any deposit requirement for residential service for an applicant who has been determined to be a victim of family violence as defined in Texas Family Code, §71.004, by a family violence center, by treating medical personnel, or by law enforcement agency personnel. This determination shall be evidenced by the applicant’s submission of a certification letter developed by the Texas Council on Family Violence and made available on its web site.

³ A complete listing of investor-owned gas utilities under jurisdiction of the Railroad Commission of Texas, including Reliant Energy and TXU Gas Distribution, is available at:

<http://www.rrc.state.tx.us/divisions/gas/2002ar/tab14a.pdf>.