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**Natural Gas
May Not be
There When
You
Need it
Most**



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Insufficient Supply Leads to Interrupted Delivery

This winter was tough on local businesses and homeowners all across the country. Morning and evening commutes were plagued by continuous snowfalls, while heating equipment was pushed to the limit by polar temperatures. As if that wasn't enough to deal with, **natural gas customers had to endure** the additional annoyance and safety risks of **service cut-offs!** So, before you consider switching fuels, consider this:

- When cold weather strained their already-extremely-limited pipeline capacity, Con-Ed, National Grid, O&R, UGI and several other **utilities forced their “interruptible” customers, including many schools, hospitals and small businesses, to stop burning natural gas** and switch back to Oilheat.¹
- As a result, numerous **local factories** like Sapa Industrial Extrusions and Huhtamaki Inc. **were forced to shut down operations and send home hundreds of workers without pay.**^{2,3}

- Businesses such as these weren't the only ones feeling the effects.

Insufficient pipeline capacity also prevented natural gas from reaching power plants that rely on it to generate electricity, to the point that some states only narrowly avoided widespread blackouts.⁴

- Making matters worse, **supply and price relief are still years away.**⁵

Natural gas pipeline problems and interruptible service jeopardize the future of American businesses, as well as the health, safety and comfort of homeowners all across the country. Don't get turned off. Get more of the facts about natural gas by visiting AmericanEnergyCoalition.org.

