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Curtailement – Frequently Asked Questions

What is Northern’s DDVC process during a curtailement situation?

Under critical conditions that threaten Northern’s system integrity, Northern may call a curtailement, in which case, authorized delivery amounts are strictly enforced for all customers. The following sets forth the procedure in the case of a curtailement.

Pursuant to Section 19 of the General Terms and Conditions of Northern’s FERC Gas Tariff (Tariff), Northern will localize the curtailement to the smallest affected area beginning with individual points and branch lines, followed by an operational zone, Market/Field Area and up to the entire system. During a curtailement, Northern will determine the authorized delivery amounts for the affected area and post a critical notice on its website. There are no tolerances (including small customer tolerances) or SMS available to *any* customers during a curtailement. Quantities taken more than authorized levels will be subject to penalty charges as shown on Sheet No. 53 of Northern’s tariff. If Northern has also called a critical day in conjunction with a curtailement situation, a shipper that takes more than the authorized levels will be subject to Level I and Level II Punitive/Critical DDVC charges.