The United States faced sustained cold and record-setting natural gas consumption during the winter of 2013-2014. Natural gas reliability was tested and throughout the country local utility customers continued to receive dependable service at affordable prices.

**Record Volumes of Natural Gas Were Consumed**

The top 5 days for natural gas consumption all took place during the winter of 2013-2014.

On January 7, 2014, the United States set the single day record for natural gas consumption at 139 Bcf—almost double the annual daily average.

### Affordable Customer Bills

**Due to Low and Stable Natural Gas Prices and Increased Energy Efficiency**

- Residential customer bills increased an average of $12 per month during the winter—an increase mostly due to higher consumption.
- More efficient than ever before. Residential and commercial sector use per customer has declined by 25% from 2013 levels.

### Planning and Preparation

Utilities work all year to prepare for the possibility of extreme temperatures and employ a portfolio approach to help ensure they can meet the needs of their customers at affordable prices on the coldest days of the year.

- Underground storage played its largest role ever. 3,012 Bcf was withdrawn from storage, accounting for more than 20% of gas consumed.

### Abundance Delivered

Our nation’s abundance of natural gas and an extensive delivery infrastructure provides an opportunity to satisfy current demand and significant new demand at affordable prices well into the future.

- Today, the United States produces approximately 14 Bcf more natural gas per day than we did in 2002-2003.
- Natural gas is delivered safely and reliably through 2.4 million miles of natural gas pipelines—an 11.4% increase compared to ten years ago.
- More than 177 million Americans use natural gas, with 4.8 million residential customers added since 2002-2003.