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RE: Soil settlement around gas meter location

Dear Builder,

We are writing to all of the home builders in our service territory to communicate the need for builders to backfill with sand and properly compact the backfill material where our gas meter will be located. Without proper backfill and compaction performed by the builder, the soil will descend along with the gas meter set, creating an unsafe condition. If our gas meter set has altered from its original position as a result of soil settlement, our Operations teams will have to correct the situation and ultimately charge the builder for this work. We have also added the following language to our Site Readiness Policy:

- Customer / Contractor shall backfill with sand and compact on the foundation side where future Gas or Electric meters will be located. Customer/ Contractor shall ensure that backfill (sand) will be installed from the drain tile to +/- 6" of final grade and compacted in 10"-12" layers.

Any questions can be directed to myself or your Builder Development Manager listed below.

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Respectfully,

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