

# Utilities Monthly Report March 2025

#### **Gas Operations:**

#### **Natural Gas**

Gas staff relocated a gas meter on Warren Avenue to give wider drive access to the property.







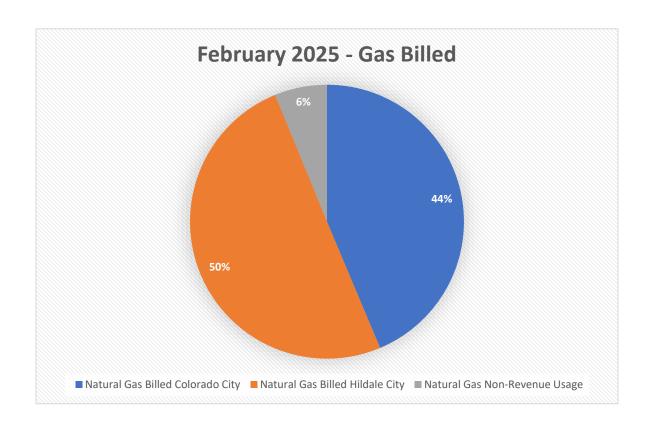
## **Propane Gas**

Staff delivered 16,465 gallons of propane to 137 customers in February.



## Gas billed Colorado City and Hildale City customers for February 2025.

Description	Quantity Billed*	Number of Customers	
Natural Gas Purchased	6,061,000		
Natural Gas Billed Colorado City	2,646,300	384	
Natural Gas Billed Hildale City	3,040,500	315	
Natural Gas Non-Revenue Usage	374,200		
*Numbers are in Corrected Cubic Feet (100 Corrected Cubic Feet = 1 Therm)			





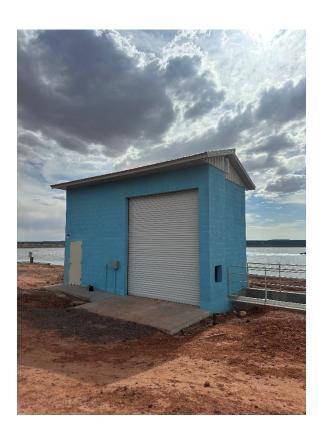
#### **Sewer Operations:**

The radio signal for the Sewer Lift Station quit working, so the Utility Crew troubleshot the issue, repaired the service, and reset the Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) system to get it operating again. This system provides constant monitoring of the Sewer Lift Pumps and flow.

#### Sewer Headworks Building Project

Aardvark Underground completed the Sewer Headworks Building Project, completing a final inspection and signing off on the project by the city's Building Official. We anticipate many years of use of the facility.







#### **Water Operations:**

The Utility Crew repaired two (2) water meter valves that were broken. The first meter valve was located on Johnson Avenue, and the second on Central Street. Staff replaced an old restricted service line to a water meter on Barlow Street to provide the customer with increased water.







#### Fire Hydrants

The Utility Crew replaced a broken fire hydrant and water valve on the intersection of Willow Street and Field Avenue. The new hydrant and valve will restore the fire protection to the community in the area.

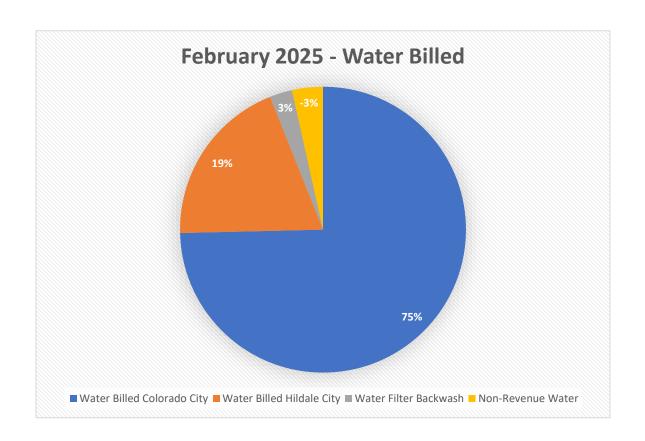






#### Water billed to Colorado City and Hildale City customers for February 2025.

Description	Quantity Billed*	Number of Customers
Water Produced	20,411,000	
Water Billed Colorado City	16,373,000	842
Water Billed Hildale City	4,243,000	387
Water Filter Backwash	560,000	
Non-Revenue Water	(765,000)	
*Numbers are in gallons		





## **Staffing**

The current staffing levels in the Utility Department for Field Staff are 6 positions filled of 7 positions. Recruitment has started to replace the vacant Operator I position.

## Customer Service/Billing

## **Utilities Activities for February**

	Total
Propane Tickets	177
Service Orders	98
Shut Off Notices	144
Shut Offs	14

#### **Administration:**

Work has been completed on the Raw Water Line from the wells to the Water Treatment Plant. Wells #25 & #26 have been completed and are capped until funding is available for the electrical work, pump and motor for the well. The Mohave County Colorado City ARPA Grant Project closed out as of February 2025.

We received the AOC permit for the Academy Well and it can be used for water production this summer once we have received the AOC permit for the Blending Plan for all wells. Well #17 received the ATC permit, which was added to the Blending Plan. Once the Blending Plan permit is received, all wells will be permitted and used for this summer's water demand. The Water Treatment Plant was not permitted initially and is the reason we have had a long delay in getting the wells permitted and making sure the water going to the community meets or exceeds all



water quality regulations.

The Sewer Master Plan kickoff meeting will happen this week - March 31<sup>st</sup> – with all the stakeholders present.

The WIFA Water Program Grant, for a \$2.0 million Grant and up to \$3.0 million Loan, application is being worked on by the Utility staff. There is a list of projects from the Water Master Plan and from internal reviews that are not Impact Fee eligible to submit for the \$2.0 million grant.

We were notified that the CIB has selected the water projects in Hildale, submitted in 2022, are the number 1 priority for funding this year. Grants are due in June of 2025.

PFAS Testing is required quarterly by EPA after the initial testing of our wells showed several wells having PFAS levels above the Maximum Contaminant Levels (MCL). The current requirement from EPA, under the previous administration, is to provide quarterly sampling results for the EPA/DDW. If the tests show the wells need treatment, EPA has told DDW and the community they will fund the treatment installation.

The Booster Station design has been reviewed by the Utah DDW and was approved in November 2024. On December 16, 2024, Hildale received an update to the funding opportunities between the community and the Drinking Water Board Infrastructure Funding Section Manager, adding \$40,550.00 to the Grant portion of the Project Funding. With the DDW permit issued, we will have the bid documents completed by our engineer and advertise for the construction of the facility. The award of the contract would happen in mid-April or May of 2025. The new total for the Grant/Loan is \$829,050.00.

To meet DDW requirements and continue to remain in good standing with the state of Utah and Arizona, the Utility Department and City will have to create an Asset Management Plan and a Water Conservation Ordinance to receive continued grant



funding. This resulted in a Change Order to the agreement with Jones & DeMille to help staff implement the two plans prior to completion of the Pressure Booster Station.

The Utility Staff are updating the Fiber Plans and adding to the GIS system more information on the current Utility Fiber System. After mapping, an inventory of connections and controls/switches, etc. will be conducted and a review of costs and fees will be made for presentation to the Utility Advisory Board and the Councils. Meetings are being scheduled with SC Broadband for use of existing fiber and open conduits.

The bids for the Innovation Center Water Main were received on the week of March 24<sup>th</sup> and the apparent and qualified low bid will be recommended after the reference checks and project list has been verified.

The Utility Advisory Board has recommended the Draft Utility Budget be passed by both councils.

OUR MISSION is to provide regional leadership and fiscally responsible, necessary public services so that residents can enjoy living in a healthy and safe community.