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NATURAL
GAS **FOR**
HOMEOWNERS IN
AND AROUND
LEHIGH VALLEY



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When the Going Gets Tough, Natural Gas Needs Heating Oil

What would you call someone who can only be there for you when it's convenient for them, but never when times are tough, and especially not when you really need them? You could call them natural gas companies.

- Last winter, faced with rising demand and numerous distribution difficulties, the **natural gas companies were able to shut off supply to several “interruptible” customers**, which could have included schools and local businesses¹
- **These customers had to turn to Oilheat** or another alternate fuel
- This **jeopardized the supply of Oilheat to residential customers** and in some cases **drove up heating oil costs**
- Natural gas' distribution difficulties **also affected power plants** that depend on the fuel to generate electricity
- As a result of natural gas' skyrocketing prices and insufficient supply, **many utilities raised electricity prices**, passing their burden on to the consumer
- Natural gas service interruptions also **caused several factories, including Sapa Industrial Extrusions in Cressona, to close their doors, taking hundreds of workers off the line**²

The utilities that encourage Oilheat consumers to convert to natural gas heating are the same companies that encourage their customers to rely on Oilheat when there isn't enough natural gas available. Are these the people you want to trust with your family's warmth and safety?

Visit **www.AmericanEnergyCoalition.org** to learn the truth about natural gas.

¹http://www.puc.pa.gov/NaturalGas/pdf/Reliability/Winter_Reliability_2013-UGI_Rpt.pdf

²<http://republicanherald.com/news/with-winter-demand-for-natural-gas-sapa-experiences-shutdowns-1.1622670>



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