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**STATEMENT - BCUC Continues Engagement with Public Utilities following Enbridge's Westcoast Energy Inc. Pipeline Incident**

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Enbridge has now restored partial gas flow to its natural gas pipeline north of Prince George, BC; however, the situation remains critical as it will take several months for the pipeline to return to its full operational capacity.

The BCUC is working closely with utilities to address the shortage of natural gas in areas south of the incident, though solutions are limited as the reduced supply is creating a challenge for the entire Pacific Northwest.

FortisBC and other natural gas utilities in the lower half of the province may not have enough gas to supply all of their customers this winter. They are asking customers to please reduce their natural gas use, in any way possible. This is especially important for customers in the lower mainland.

A few ways you can conserve natural gas are by minimizing your use of hot water and gas appliances and turning down your furnace by a few degrees.

To learn more about how to conserve or for regular updates, please visit [FortisBC](http://FortisBC).

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