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Utilities

Victoria is fully prepared to meet and sustain the requirements of its growing community. American Electric Power, Victoria Electric Cooperative, South Texas Electric Cooperative and a variety of providers offer reliable electric service to both residential and commercial customers in the Golden Crescent region. Natural gas service is available through CenterPoint Energy.

Texas companies are exempt from paying state sales and use tax on both electricity and natural gas used in manufacturing, processing, or fabricating tangible personal property.

Electricity

Business ? With electric competition, most business customers can negotiate freely with retail electric providers. Energy usage and demand characteristics will usually determine negotiated rates. It has been our experience that the most competitive business rates can be obtained when the project manager negotiates directly with the retail electric provider.

[Power Location Map](#)

Gas

CenterPoint Energy is the natural gas distribution company that serves the Victoria area.

Telecom

Victoria is home to several communications companies providing the same products and services as in the major metropolitan areas throughout Texas. A complex and complete communications infrastructure lets businesses and residences meet virtually any need from dial-up to competitive high-speed broadband services, telecommunications, cable, and satellite. Web design, hosting, and other related services are also available.

Victoria is connected via a 250-mile fiber optic line linking Victoria to Corpus Christi and Houston. DSL and ISDN high-speed lines are available in Victoria. The high-speed information transmission service connects Victoria through Corpus Christi.

Water

Victoria County

Industrial Water - Currently, larger industries along the Victoria Barge Canal supply their own water with a combination of ground water and surface water resources. Contact us for more information.

City of Victoria

Raw Water - The City of Victoria has a permit to withdraw 20,000 acre/feet of raw water from the Guadalupe River. There is also a back-up supply of 10,000 acre/feet stored in off-channel reservoirs to the west of the Guadalupe River. In addition, there is an emergency supply consisting of 10 wells; each of which produces 1,500 gallons per minute.

Treatment Capacity - The City of Victoria has a 25.2 million gallon per day surface water treatment facility and a groundwater treatment facility capable of treating 12 million gallons of groundwater per day.

Pumping Capacity ? The city has the ability to pump 21 million gallons per day of treated water to the low-pressure plane of the distribution system and is capable of pumping 17 million gallons per day to the high-pressure plane.

Storage Capacity ? The city has 4.5 million gallons of treated water stored in its clear wells at the surface water treatment plant, 5.5 million gallons of treated water stored in ground storage tanks in the low pressure plane, and 1.5 million gallons of treated water stored in ground storage tanks in the high pressure plane. In addition there are 5.5 million gallons of treated water stored in the five elevated water towers.