



CenterPoint Energy

Serving Minneapolis since 1870 - committed to a collaborative future

CenterPoint Energy has been operating in Minneapolis since 1870, providing one of the nation's lowest cost and most reliable natural gas service. Over the last few decades, we have taken a leadership role in helping our customers reduce their energy consumption and continuing to give them excellent service.

CenterPoint Energy is committed to two core principles, which are the foundation of how we operate:

1. Leverage our nationally recognized expertise to continue providing affordable, clean, safe and reliable natural gas service.
2. Collaborate with our communities to help them reach their goals.

Collaboration is a powerful catalyst for building a healthier, more sustainable future for Minneapolis

We believe that together we can help Minneapolis become a leader on many fronts, including reaching its' environmental and sustainability goals. CenterPoint Energy recently demonstrated this conviction by reaching a collaboration agreement with Minneapolis Energy Options. In this agreement we lay out a set of objectives, which include expanding energy conservation programs and furthering renewable energy technologies.

Municipalizing Natural Gas Operations Is Not Needed

Some in the city are interested in studying the feasibility of buying and operating the natural gas and electric utility systems in Minneapolis, which is certainly their right to do so. But sending it to a referendum vote is a waste of time and resources. They can study this without a referendum. CenterPoint Energy further believes:

Our interests are aligned with the city

- We provide affordable, clean, reliable and safe energy.
 - Our residential rates are in the lowest 25 percent nationally - American Gas Association.
- We support our city economically by contributing:
 - \$2.5 million in taxes.
 - \$5.9 million franchise fees paid in 2012.
 - Expanding the company Minnesota headquarters in Minneapolis.
- We support the city's greenhouse gas emission reduction goals.
 - Our \$25 million CIP programs are nationally recognized.

Operating a natural gas utility system is complex and we do it well

- We have been doing it for over 140 years and are industry leaders in safety, efficiency and reliability.
- Regulatory involvement assures all customers interests are represented.
- Our system is fully integrated with a continuous network of pipelines that blend communities together to the benefit of all.
 - 900 miles of Minneapolis gas pipelines.
 - \$515 million investment in Minneapolis infrastructure.