



CenterPoint Energy to Upgrade Transmission Natural Gas Pipelines

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Dear Property Owner:

We value your business and want to let you know about an important natural gas pipeline replacement project coming to your neighborhood.

CenterPoint Energy (CNP) has begun a multi-year construction project to replace approximately sixty one (61) miles of large diameter steel natural gas transmission pipeline known as the Belt Line. Rehabilitation of the Belt Line is important to ensure the long-term reliability and continued safety of the pipeline infrastructure serving hundreds of thousands of customers in the metro area.

In 2014 we will replace approximately 1.17 miles of 20-inch Belt Line pipe located in the public-right-of-way along Nicollet Ave S. just south of 98th Street W. to 107th Street W. and extending a short distance east on 107th Street Circle and west on 107th Street W. as highlighted in yellow on the enclosed map. In addition, some abandonment work requiring several small excavations will occur along 98th Street between Lyndale Ave S. and Nicollet Ave S.

Michels Corporation an authorized CenterPoint Energy contractor will begin construction on or about April 1st or as weather permits. The estimated construction completion date is August 31, 2014. We will restore the areas affected by our construction in compliance with all applicable federal, state and local regulations.

Representatives from CenterPoint Energy will contact residents whose gas service may be affected to schedule the necessary construction work on their property. In addition, your gas meter will be evaluated and replaced if necessary. If the gas meter is located inside your building, we will move it to an outside location.

CenterPoint Energy has provided safe, clean and efficient natural gas service to Minnesota communities for over 140 years. We are proud of this record and are always striving to improve it by educating the public about the benefits of natural gas and how to use it safely.

If you would like to learn more about this project, please attend one of two "Informational Open House Meetings" scheduled for Tuesday, March 11th at 2:30pm to 3:30pm and 5:30pm to 7:00pm in the Public Works Training Room at 1700 West 98th Street in Bloomington or contact us directly by calling CenterPoint Energy's Information Hotline: **612-321-5329**. In addition, project information can be found on our website: www.centerpointenergy.com/construction.

We appreciate your business and look forward to continuing to serve you.

CenterPoint Energy