

Natural Gas Innovation Act (NGIA)

Advancing Minnesota's energy future by implementing a diverse set of innovative pilot projects that aim to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and expand decarbonization efforts for our Minnesota customers.



Updates as of July 2026

Program Updates

- On June 1, CenterPoint Energy filed our NGIA annual report with the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission, detailing our efforts to advance decarbonization to benefit our Minnesota customers.

Lower Carbon Fuels

- CenterPoint is investing in several initiatives to research and purchase renewable natural gas (RNG) fuel made from organic waste – food, yard and farm waste - that can be used directly in place of conventional natural gas.
- We recently attended the groundbreaking of Vanguard Renewables' RNG facility near Litchfield in Meeker County, expected to begin supplying us with Minnesota-made energy in 2027.

Networked Geothermal

- CenterPoint is continuing to develop our networked geothermal project, with evaluation and outreach to stakeholders in the areas where the three final candidate sites are located.
 - The three final candidate sites have been identified through a comprehensive site selection and feasibility study that aimed to maximize benefits within the project scope.
 - We expect to begin community engagement this year.
 - We currently believe the final site will be identified in early 2027.

Customer Innovation and Decarbonization Programs

Residential customers

- We expect to start engaging residential customers interested in installing air source heat pumps and enhanced weatherization strategies this summer or early this fall. Engagement efforts will occur to garner participation from income-qualified customers.

Small and medium commercial customers

- As of June 2026, more than 225 small and medium-sized businesses have completed greenhouse gas audits to identify opportunities to reduce emissions and incentives to implement identified recommendations.
- As of June 2026, rebates have been provided to 5 customers implementing hybrid heating projects (electric heat pumps with supplemental natural gas to reduce overall energy use and maintain efficiency).

Large commercial and industrial customers

- CenterPoint has been engaging with large customers interested in carbon capture and/or green hydrogen technologies. Over the coming months, we expect to continue conversations with customers who are well-positioned to complete these types of projects.
- We are having productive conversations with large businesses interested in decarbonizing their existing district energy systems or developing their own networked geothermal system.