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 Aug. 31, 2025

Lower Carbon Fuels

- CenterPoint Energy is working with four regional producers to purchase renewable natural gas (RNG), including with DemCon HZI in Shakopee, Minnesota which proposes to use food and yard waste to create local renewable energy.
- CenterPoint is working on research and development projects to explore RNG and green ammonia potential in Minnesota.
- We're planning a green hydrogen plant pilot project in Mankato with dedicated solar panels and hydrogen storage. This is under development, expected to be under construction by mid-2026.

Networked Geothermal

CenterPoint has selected the joint team of Resource Innovations and Salas O'Brien to help advance
the company's networked geothermal pilot project. Over the coming months, we expect to work with
this joint team to conduct siting and modeling efforts to identify a preferred site.

Customer Innovation and Decarbonization Programs

• Residential customers

 We are launching an effort to offer innovative weatherization efforts, beyond existing company energy efficiency programs, including a focus on income-qualified customers.

Commercial customers

 CenterPoint will begin offering rebates for hybrid heating systems (electric with supplemental natural gas) in late 2025.

Large commercial and industrial customers

- In late 2025, CenterPoint plans to start conducting methane and refrigerant leak surveys at customer locations and rebate opportunities to mitigate leaks.
- CenterPoint is working to identify customers that could benefit from onsite carbon capture or power-to-hydrogen production.
- We are also offering incentives for large customers to partially offset costs to research, install
 and operate their own networked geothermal systems, as well as seeking opportunities to
 decarbonize existing district energy systems in a community CenterPoint serves.

Carbon Capture

 We will work with the community nonprofit organization Green Cities Accord to finance tree planting and maintenance in CenterPoint's service area including in public parks and underserved communities.