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CenterPoint Energy to replace natural gas lines in Brooklyn Park

Dear Property Owner,

At CenterPoint Energy, we are committed to providing relevant information to our customers and the general public to minimize inconvenience or disruption due to our construction activities.

What will CenterPoint Energy do?

Beginning on May 12 and lasting into summer 2021, CenterPoint Energy's authorized contractors will work in Brooklyn Park along Zane Avenue N. between 85th Avenue N. and Brooklyn Boulevard. While Michels Corporation will replace the natural gas main, connect the natural gas service lines to the new main, and move any inside residential meters outside, Q3 Contracting will restore the areas affected by Michels Corporation's work.

Most of the main will be replaced on the west southbound side of Zane Avenue N. with a few crossings to the east side of Zane Avenue N. There will be a short section of main replaced on the north side of Brooklyn Boulevard.

What are the traffic impacts?

For most of the project's duration, lane, sidewalk and parking closures may occur. Work will happen in segments rather than all at once. Local access will be maintained. For a limited time, drivers heading eastbound on 85th Avenue N. can't make a right turn heading southbound on Zane Avenue N. During this time, detour signs will lead drivers eastbound on 85th Avenue N., southbound on Regent Avenue N. and westbound on Brookdale Drive N.

What is CenterPoint Energy's COVID-19 policy?

According to the Governor of Minnesota's order, gas main replacement is an essential work function. This allows for the modernization of related gas facilities. The gas main work requires excavations in various locations in the right-of-way (front yard) to facilitate the installation work.

As social distancing practices and proper use of PPE, face masks and gloves have become normalized and as customers are willing to allow properly protected personnel into their homes to complete required work to modernize gas facilities, which is essential work, CenterPoint Energy authorized contractors will enter customer homes to complete work only with customer permission.

The purpose of this letter is to advise that with customer permission, crews will now enter homes to complete necessary gas meter work. If you choose not to allow crews to enter your home, gas service will not be interrupted, and we will reschedule for a time better suited to concerns you may have. Crews will continue to replace service lines. Crews may have to dig in the ground on your property in the utility easement and next to your home to complete the task of service line replacement.

How can I contact CenterPoint Energy? For more information or to sign up for updates, please visit CenterPointEnergy.com/Construction, click on “Project Sites” and “Brooklyn Park.” Look for future communications via mailings or a door tag left by the CenterPoint Energy inspector. We appreciate your patience as we continue to upgrade our natural gas system, ensuring system reliability for years.

