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## CenterPoint Energy to replace natural gas lines on 17<sup>th</sup> Ave. S.

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 is CenterPoint Energy's progress?***

Since April 12, CenterPoint Energy's authorized contractors have been working along 17th Ave. S. between 38th St. E. and Lake St. E. Michels Corporation replaced the first of the project's two natural gas mains, connected the natural gas service lines to the first main, and moved inside residential meters outside. In early July, Michels Corporation will begin replacing the project's second natural gas main.

The purpose of this letter is to describe the project's second natural gas main replacement. While the first natural gas main was small-diameter plastic that was bored underground, the second main is large-diameter steel. Since the crews weld the pieces of the pipe together, the steel main replacement requires open excavation and takes longer to install than the small-diameter plastic main. Time spent on each block will vary due to the size of the block, the steel offsets, the restoration preparation, and the weather. Toward the end of the project, the crews will return to some intersections to connect the new main to the existing intersecting mains.

### ***What will the traffic impacts be?***

The crews will work for approx. two or three blocks at a time. Using a similar traffic plan to what was used for the first natural gas main, the crews will close 17<sup>th</sup> Ave. S. to through traffic, maintaining local access and detouring through traffic to the next block or two over. Steel plates will be used for driveway access. One sidewalk will remain open at a time.

Q3 Contracting will restore the areas affected by Michels Corporation's work. The crews typically work on one side of the road at a time. When they restore the lawns and boulevards, they will use various erosion control measures to keep the restored area moist, hold seed in the soil, and enhance seed germination. If an erosion blanket is needed it is secured in place with staples. The mesh is a wood fiber that will completely degrade. Prior to mowing the restored area, remove any loose staples that secured the blanket.

### ***How can I contact CenterPoint Energy?***

For more information or to sign up for updates, please visit [CenterPointEnergy.com/Construction](https://www.CenterPointEnergy.com/Construction), click on "Project Sites" and "Minneapolis." 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 to come.



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