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## CenterPoint Energy to replace natural gas lines south of 42<sup>nd</sup> Ave. N.

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?

From March 29 to late spring or early summer 2021, CenterPoint Energy's authorized contractors will work in New Hope along the following streets:

- Oregon Avenue N. between 38th and 41st ½ Avenues N.
- Nevada Avenue N. between 39th ½ and 40th Avenues N.
- Louisiana and Maryland Avenues N. between 36th and 40th Avenues N.
- 36th Avenue N. between Nevada and Louisiana Avenues N.
- 38th Avenue N. between Oregon and Louisiana Avenues N.
- 39th and 39th ½ Avenues N. between Oregon and Maryland Avenues N.

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.

The crews will maintain two-way traffic on some streets and temporarily close portions of others to through traffic at different times. Local access will be open. Some of the notable closures will include the following: Nevada Avenue N. between 41st and 41st ½ Avenues N.; Louisiana Avenue N. at Markwood Drive N.; Louisiana Avenue between 36th Avenue N. and Markwood Drive; 36th Avenue N. and Louisiana Avenue N.; and the left-turn lane from northbound Winnetka Avenue N. to westbound 36th Avenue 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.

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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 "New Hope." 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.

