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## CenterPoint Energy to perform natural gas work on 36<sup>th</sup> St. W., 36<sup>th</sup> ½ St. W., Kipling and Lynn Avenues this summer

Dear Property Owner,

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

**Project description:** From mid-July to early August 2020, CenterPoint Energy's authorized contractors will perform work in St. Louis Park on the following streets: 36<sup>th</sup> Street W. between Lynn and Huntington Avenues; Lynn and Kipling Avenues between 36<sup>th</sup> and 36<sup>th</sup> ½ Streets W.; and 36<sup>th</sup> Street W. at Lynn Avenue. While Michels Corporation will replace the natural gas main and connect the service lines to the new main, Q3 Contracting will restore the areas affected by Michels Corporation's work.

In the first half of the week of July 27, the crews will pause construction in St. Louis Park to work on another CenterPoint Energy project in Hopkins. The crews will return to St. Louis Park in the latter half of the week of July 27.

Installing replacement gas mains: 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.

**Connecting service lines to the new mains:** 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.

**Traffic impacts:** Although there won't be any road closures, there will be a lane shift on 36<sup>th</sup> ½ Street W. at Lynn Avenue. In this area, parking will be restricted. The north sidewalk on 36<sup>th</sup> ½ Street W. will be closed. These restrictions are anticipated in areas where active construction is occurring and are necessary to keep both the public and construction personnel safe. Local access will be maintained.



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**How can I contact CenterPoint Energy?** You can contact one of the following CenterPoint Energy resources. Please reference the **St. Louis Park – 36**<sup>th</sup> **St. W. project** or the number **94487435**:

- Communications Specialist, Hannah Gullickson, at 612-321-5546
- Information Hotline at csv.constructionservices@centerpointenergy.com
- Restoration Questions at csv.restoration@centerpointenergy.com or 612-321-5477

We appreciate your patience as we continue to upgrade our natural gas system. CenterPoint Energy has provided safe, clean and efficient natural gas service to Minnesota communities for more than 145 years. We are proud of this record and strive to improve it by educating the public about the benefits of natural gas at <a href="CenterPointEnergy.com/BeSafe">CenterPointEnergy.com/BeSafe</a>. We appreciate your business and look forward to continuing to serve you.

