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CenterPoint Energy to Inspect Pipelines Near You

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To ensure the continued safety and reliability of CenterPoint Energy's natural gas distribution system, we are mandated by Department of Transportation (DOT) regulations to routinely monitor and inspect our pipelines on a pre-determined scheduled.

From approximately Thursday, June 4th to Friday, June 26th, CenterPoint Energy is scheduled to inspect a section of large diameter steel transmission pipeline along Winnetka Avenue N., from Medicine Lake Road to 38 ½ Avenue N.

The in-line inspection is performed using a sophisticated electronic device that is inserted into the pipeline to inspect for corrosion and other defects or anomalies that may require a section of pipe to be repaired or replaced. The electronic device commonly referred to as a PIG in the natural gas industry is battery powered and travels very slowly through the pipeline gathering and recording critical inspection data. Although the technology is extremely advanced, data storage capability and battery life limitations require the PIG to be inserted and removed from the pipeline at multiple locations during the inspection process.

Approximately four excavations are required along the pipeline to accommodate the insertion and removal of the PIG. This entails installing a twenty four foot fitting on a section of pipe at Winnetka Avenue N. and 32nd Avenue N. In addition, there will be three smaller excavations just north of Terra Linda Drive, just south of 32nd Avenue N. and just south of 37th Avenue N. to install battery charging ports. When the work is complete, all areas disturbed by CenterPoint Energy's work will be restored to its original condition.

Although much of the pipeline inspection will be invisible to the general public, the critical timing and sequencing of inserting the PIG in the pipeline and charging batteries may require CenterPoint Energy to seek the city's approval to work extended hours in an effort to complete the inspection in the allotted timeframe. Please drive with caution and anticipate traffic delays in the area of construction.

To learn more about this project or to sign up for periodic construction updates, please visit our Construction Zone website at: www.centerpointenergy.com/construction. In addition, you can contact us directly by calling CenterPoint Energy's Communications Specialist: 612-321-5546.

We appreciate your patience during this project.

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