



Minnesota Energy Resources Corporation

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Dear Property Owner,

At the request of your friends and neighbors, Minnesota Energy Resources is considering providing natural gas service to the Detroit Lakes area. To determine the feasibility of extending natural gas to your neighborhood, we are asking that you please complete a brief online survey www.minnesotaenergyresources.com/survey/ by **July 10, 2013**.

Here are some key points regarding this potential project:

- Cost to residents is dependent upon the interest level of residents along the proposed gas main. The more residents connecting, the lower the cost per resident.
- A project of this magnitude will likely result in a connection fee for residents. This is called a Contribution In Aid of Construction (CIAC) fee. Rather than residents paying for the CIAC in a lump sum upfront, Minnesota Energy Resources will work with regulatory agencies to add a monthly charge to your natural gas bill to pay for the CIAC – *spreading the cost over a number of years*.
 - The monthly CIAC fee is referred to as a New Area Expansion Charge.
 - If the gas line is extended, **ONLY** those who connect will pay a monthly New Area Expansion Charge, whether they connect in year one or at a later time.
 - Once the monthly New Area Expansion Charge is established, it will never increase over time.
 - The monthly New Area Expansion Charge will be eliminated when the established CIAC is paid in full, but will not exceed 15 years.
- Additional costs could include gas piping from the street right-of-way (if your home is over 75 feet from the property line). The homeowner is responsible for conversion or replacement of appliances and any piping work from the meter to the appliances.

There's never been a better time to connect to natural gas than right now. But, we need to hear from you and your neighbors to make it happen! **Please complete the survey by July 10, 2013.**

Sincerely,

David Kult, General Manager

Minnesota Energy Resources

The Natural Advantage

Natural gas is the preferred fuel for homes because it provides economical, comfortable, safe heat. It's one of the most versatile and reliable sources of energy for your central heating system, water heater, range, oven, clothes dryer and more. Plus, natural gas costs less on average than other energy sources, according to the U.S. Department of Energy.



Benefits of converting to **NATURAL GAS**

- **ECONOMICAL** Natural gas remains one of the best values in today's energy market. You can save as much as 10 to 20% over propane or fuel oil.
- **CONVENIENT** Natural gas is delivered directly to your home via underground pipelines. You never have to worry about running low or storage tanks.
- **SAFE** Natural gas is colorless, odorless, tasteless and non-toxic. A special odorant is added to help identify gas leaks. Unlike propane, natural gas is lighter than air, which means it vents easier if a leak occurs.
- **ABUNDANT** It's estimated there is a 70-year reserve of natural gas in the lower 48 states at current production levels. More than 97% of our nation's natural gas comes from North America.
- **EFFICIENT** Natural gas heating systems and appliances have the highest total energy efficiency, which translates into the best energy value.
- **CLEAN** Natural gas is a clean-burning fuel and better for the environment. Using natural gas helps avoid an increase in pollutants, such as greenhouse gas emissions, acid rain, smog, solid waste and water pollution.

Want More Information?

Visit us online at minnesotaenergyresources.com to find natural gas benefits, a savings calculator and answers to frequently asked questions.

**MULTIPLE
REBATES
ONLINE!**

Easy to Switch and SAVE

Converting to natural gas is easy. And the investment you make will be recovered through the savings you'll see.



Use the Savings Calculator

Find out your annual savings after converting your fuel oil or propane appliances to natural gas.

Go to minnesotaenergyresources.com/switchtogas.



CONVERTING FROM PROPANE

Propane Usage Information

* = Required Fields

Gallons Used Annually: *

Price Per Gallon: * \$

Annual Tank Rental: * \$ 0

Zip Code: *

Average Price (Weighted): \$ /Therm

Monthly Customer Charge: \$

Estimated Annual Savings*: \$ 0.00

CONVERTING FROM FUEL OIL

Fuel Oil Usage Information

* = Required Fields

Gallons Used Annually: *

Price Per Gallon: * \$

Zip Code: *

Average Price (Weighted): \$ /Therm

Monthly Customer Charge: \$

Estimated Annual Savings*: \$ 0.00



- Gas water heaters can produce twice as much hot water as electric, at 30% less cost.
- Gas stoves offer the fastest, most precise cooking temperature.
- Gas dryers dry items faster, so they use less energy and are gentler on your clothes.

Installing higher efficiency gas appliances will result in even greater savings!

MORE WAYS TO SAVE

We Offer Rebates!

Find more information on multiple program rebates and federal incentives for energy-efficient appliances. Visit minnesotaenergyresources.com.

