



Summary of CenterPoint Energy Economic Recovery Filings: *In the Matter of an Inquiry into Utility Investments that May Assist in Minnesota's Economic Recovery from the COVID-19 Pandemic*

Docket No. E,G-999/CI-20-492

1. June 17, 2020 Compliance Filing *(PDF Pg. 1-15)*

In this filing, CenterPoint Energy discusses its overall plan for capital spend in the near-term. The Company describes the following projects in relation to the Public Utilities Commissions criteria for Economic Recovery:

- Home insulation pre-bates;
- Double rebates to rebuild Minneapolis and other communities;
- Increased CIP low-income spending;
- Development of a CIP community dashboard
- Construction of a renewable hydrogen project;
- Renewable natural gas ("RNG") interconnection;
- Nowthen extension project; and
- Other project ideas.

2. September 15, 2020 Compliance Filing *(PDF Pg. 16-43)*

In this filing, CenterPoint Energy briefly describes additional investment proposals, discusses possible cost recovery and rate mitigation and stabilization options and provides recommended next steps for the Commission's consideration.

Brief descriptions are provided for the following investment proposals:

- Accelerated Pipe Replacement,
- Additional Hydrogen Projects,
- High-Tech Demonstration Kitchen,
- Workforce Training & Development,
- Damage Prevention Campaign,
- Hennepin County RNG Project,
- LNG Facilities,
- Advance Meter Rollout.

3. October 30, 2020 Reply Comments *(PDF Pg. 44-60)*

In this filing, CenterPoint Energy provides additional investment details and proposes the Commission (1) create a new Company-specific docket for the Commission's consideration of our Tranche I and II investments (see table on next page), and (2) evaluate both tranches of investments via a Notice and Comment process.

Additionally, in this filing, CenterPoint Energy shares its initial evaluation of proposed metrics and reporting, and commits to file an annual report on approved economic recovery investments each year until all projects are completed and for an additional two years after project completion.



Table 1: Tranche I Projects Incremental Expense, Timeframe and Benefits					
Project	Proposed Investment	Incremental Capital/Expense	Timeframe	Job Creation	Emissions Reductions/Avoidance
1.1	Accelerated Pipe Replacement	Up to \$38M	18-month planning to begin 2021, with construction slated for 2022-2025	47-63 FTE construction contractors per year	1,500 metric tons CO ₂ e annually upon project completion
1.2	Additional Hydrogen Projects	Approximately \$5.5M	2021-2023	1.5 FTE contractors per year	4,100 metric tons CO ₂ e annually upon project completion
1.3	High-Tech Demonstration Kitchen	Approximately \$6M	2021	30 FTE contractors; 3 permanent FTE	2,000 metric tons CO ₂ e annually
1.4	Workforce Training and Development	Approximately \$1M	2021	Goal to support 150 tradespeople	Savings likely associated with more energy efficiency contractors
1.5	Damage Prevention Campaign ²	Approximately \$7.5M	2021-2023	36 FTE contractors per year	250 metric tons CO ₂ e annually
1.6	Hennepin County RNG Project ³	TBD	2021-2025	15-20 permanent FTEs; 30-40 FTEs during construction	9,788-15,081 metric tons CO ₂ e annually
Totals Tranche I Projects (Approximate)		\$58M	2021-2025	275-300 jobs (permanent and temporary)	17,638-22,931 metric tons CO₂e annually

Table 2: Tranche II Projects Incremental Expense, Timeframe and Benefits					
Project	Proposed Investment	Incremental Capital/Expense	Timeframe	Job Creation	Emissions Reductions
2.1	LNG Facilities	Approximately \$20M	2022-2023	8 FTE contractors per year; 1 permanent FTE	N/A
2.2	Advanced Meter Rollout	Up to \$280M	2022-2025	26-77 FTE contractors per year; also indirect manufacturing jobs in Minnesota	Will reduce quantities of lost gas
2.3	GPS Tagging	Up to \$72M	2022-2025	12 FTE contractors per year	150 metric tons CO ₂ e annually
Totals Tranche II Projects		\$372M	2022-2025	47-77 jobs (permanent and temporary)	150 metric tons CO₂e annually