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**In the Matter of
CenterPoint Energy Natural Gas Innovation Act (NGIA)
Innovation Plan**

Reply Comments of CenterPoint Energy

**EXHIBIT E: REVISED PORTFOLIO
(Combined workbook of Petition Exhibits N and P, updated to reflect revised Plan)**

Docket No. G-008/M-23-215

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NGIA Portfolio Summary

Draft Innovation Plan Portfolio Summary										Utility Costs Towards NGIA Budget - with Portfolio Costs Split between Pilots by Cost		Lifetime Utility Emission Reduction Cost - with Portfolio Costs		Total (Net) Pilot Cost Perspective Emission Reduction Cost - with Portfolio Costs		Upfront Equipment and Installation Costs		Share of Portfolio Costs Allocated to this Pilot		Net Lifetime Utility Costs by Pilot (Includes costs outside 5 year period, as well as commodity cost savings for all years of pilot life, not just within 5 year NGIA window)		Total Lifetime Utility Costs by Pilot - with Portfolio Costs		Total Net Costs with Portfolio Costs		Equipment and Installation Costs only
Primary Innovation Category	#	Pilot	Pilot Size Selected for Portfolio	Annual GHG Emission Reductions, Cumulative Level Achieved by Year 5		Lifetime GHG Savings		Utility Costs Towards NGIA Budget - without Portfolio Costs		Utility Costs Towards NGIA Budget - with Portfolio Costs Split between Pilots by Cost	Lifetime Utility Emission Reduction Cost - with Portfolio Costs	Total (Net) Pilot Cost Perspective Emission Reduction Cost - with Portfolio Costs	Upfront Equipment and Installation Costs	Share of Portfolio Costs Allocated to this Pilot	Net Lifetime Utility Costs by Pilot (Includes costs outside 5 year period, as well as commodity cost savings for all years of pilot life, not just within 5 year NGIA window)	Total Lifetime Utility Costs by Pilot - with Portfolio Costs	Total Net Costs with Portfolio Costs		Equipment and Installation Costs only							
				TCO2e/yr	% In Portfolio	TCO2e	% In Portfolio	\$	% In Portfolio								\$	% In Portfolio		Total Net Costs	Total Net Costs					
Renewable Natural Gas (RNG)	1	RNG Proposal - Anaerobic Digestion of Organic Materials	None	-	0%	-	0%	-	0%	\$ -	0%	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	\$ -	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0							
	2	RNG Proposal - Anaerobic Digestion of East Metro Food Waste	B	9,241	11%	92,414	8%	5,856,724	6%	\$ 6,520,485	6%	\$190	\$139	\$185	\$ 663,761	\$16,874,730	\$17,538,491	\$12,153,095	\$12,816,856	\$17,132,589						
	3	RNG Archetype - Wastewater Resource Recovery Facility	B	2,656	3%	26,556	2%	3,654,524	3%	\$ 4,068,702	4%	\$317	\$265	\$295	\$ 414,179	\$8,005,946	\$8,420,125	\$6,628,834	\$7,043,012	\$7,837,457						
	4	RNG Archetype - Dairy Manure	B	1,979	2%	19,790	2%	3,982,161	4%	\$ 4,433,472	4%	\$461	\$409	\$433	\$ 451,311	\$8,668,974	\$9,120,285	\$7,642,700	\$8,094,011	\$8,570,462						
	5	RNG Archetype - Food Waste	B	25,474	31%	254,739	23%	17,584,578	17%	\$ 19,577,493	19%	\$159	\$107	\$160	\$ 1,992,915	\$38,482,478	\$40,475,393	\$25,272,428	\$27,265,343	\$40,670,011						
	6	RNG Archetype - Landfill Gas	B	12,205	15%	122,049	11%	10,950,684	10%	\$ 12,191,759	12%	\$208	\$156	\$206	\$ 1,241,075	\$24,110,594	\$25,351,669	\$17,781,502	\$19,022,578	\$25,137,695						
Power-to-Hydrogen	7	Green Hydrogen Blending into Natural Gas Distribution System	B	1,400	2%	27,993	2%	4,173,901	4%	\$ 4,646,943	4%	\$824	\$770	\$265	\$ 473,041	\$22,580,664	\$23,053,705	\$21,090,559	\$21,563,601	\$7,414,364						
	8	Green Hydrogen Archetype for Industrial or Large Commercial Facility	A	2,817	3%	56,330	5%	1,129,041	1%	\$ 1,156,798	1%	-\$12	\$871	\$175	\$ 117,758	-\$776,797	-\$659,039	\$48,943,556	\$49,061,313	\$9,835,832						
Carbon Capture	9	Industrial Methane and Refrigerant Leak Reduction Program	A	6,753	8%	33,763	3%	1,120,803	1%	\$ 1,247,828	1%	\$34	-\$24	\$17	\$ 127,024	\$1,005,621	\$1,132,645	-\$949,755	-\$822,731	\$582,305						
	10	Urban Tree Carbon Offset Program	A	1,000	1%	4,500	0%	295,780	0%	\$ 329,301	0%	\$67	\$12	\$49	\$ 33,522	\$266,387	\$299,909	\$21,437	\$54,958	\$219,226						
	11	Carbon Capture Archetype for Industrial or Large Commercial Facility	A	2,419	3%	50,865	4%	2,368,665	2%	\$ 2,637,113	2%	\$66	\$303	\$60	\$ 268,448	\$3,111,065	\$3,379,513	\$15,129,574	\$15,398,023	\$3,036,224						
District Energy	13	Carbon Capture Rebates for Commercial Buildings	A	1,165	1%	23,757	2%	550,040	1%	\$ 612,377	1%	\$1	-\$23	\$226	\$ 62,338	-\$31,857	\$30,481	-\$617,258	-\$554,920	\$5,371,918						
	14	New Networked Geothermal Systems Pilot	C	2,421	3%	107,355	9%	10,442,470	10%	\$ 11,625,947	11%	\$393	\$402	\$232	\$ 1,183,478	\$41,040,700	\$42,224,178	\$41,947,284	\$43,130,762	\$24,879,156						
	15	Decarbonizing Existing District Energy Systems	B	5,401	7%	124,030	11%	537,839	1%	\$ 598,794	1%	-\$28	-\$34	\$40	\$ 60,955	-\$3,480,860	-\$3,419,905	-\$4,224,461	-\$4,163,506	\$4,933,706						
Strategic Electrification	16	New District Energy System	B	1,339	2%	40,882	4%	193,692	0%	\$ 215,644	0%	-\$19	\$371	\$463	\$ 21,952	-\$806,364	-\$784,412	\$15,148,784	\$15,170,736	\$18,932,519						
	17	Industrial Electrification Incentive Program	A	543	1%	11,896	1%	453,086	0%	\$ 504,436	0%	\$10	\$2	\$32	\$ 51,350	\$61,758	\$113,108	-\$27,132	\$24,217	\$374,861						
	18	Commercial hybrid heating pilot	B	1,633	2%	25,609	2%	6,349,045	6%	\$ 7,068,602	7%	\$217	\$204	\$100	\$ 719,557	\$4,825,812	\$5,545,369	\$4,496,484	\$5,216,041	\$2,555,827						
Energy Efficiency	19	Residential deep energy retrofit + electric ASHP pilot (with gas backup)	B	1,985	2%	66,760	6%	12,231,409	12%	\$ 13,617,633	13%	\$159	\$390	\$383	\$ 1,386,224	\$9,203,949	\$10,590,172	\$24,672,280	\$26,058,504	\$25,536,912						
	20	Small/medium business GHG audit pilot	B	241	0%	4,380	0%	1,793,719	2%	\$ 1,997,007	2%	\$387	\$376	\$346	\$ 203,288	\$1,490,893	\$1,694,181	\$1,442,579	\$1,645,867	\$1,516,278						
	21	Residential Gas Heat Pump	A	16	0%	235	0%	342,001	0%	\$ 380,761	0%	\$1,464	\$1,358	\$707	\$ 38,760	\$305,063	\$343,823	\$280,305	\$319,065	\$165,994						
	22	Gas Heat Pump for Commercial Buildings	A	144	0%	2,154	0%	673,172	1%	\$ 749,464	1%	\$295	\$207	\$152	\$ 76,293	\$558,837	\$635,129	\$370,502	\$446,795	\$328,003						
	24	Solar Thermal Heating for C&I	None	-	0%	-	0%	-	0%	\$ -	0%	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$ -	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0						
	25	Industrial and Large Commercial GHG Audit Pilot	A	1,716	2%	35,560	3%	853,737	1%	\$ 950,494	1%	-\$7	-\$51	\$38	\$ 96,757	-\$338,994	-\$242,238	-\$1,899,861	-\$1,803,104	\$1,362,270						
Total Pilot Portfolio				82,545	100%	1,131,617	100%	\$ 85,447,069	81%	\$ 95,131,053	90%	\$163	\$216	\$182	\$ 175,158,598	\$ 184,842,581	\$ 235,303,436	\$ 244,987,419	\$ 206,393,610							
Additional Portfolio Costs	Additional Portfolio Administrative Costs		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$ 9,683,983	9%	\$ -	0%			\$ -			\$ -		\$ -							
	R&D Projects - Low Carbon Fuels (15%)		15%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$ 1,585,569	2%	\$ 1,585,569	1.5%			\$ 1,585,569			\$ 1,585,569		\$ 1,585,569							
	R&D Projects - Other (85%)		85%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$ 8,984,893	9%	\$ 8,984,893	8.5%			\$ 8,984,893			\$ 8,984,893		\$ 8,984,893							
Total Portfolio (incl. R&D)				82,545		1,131,617		\$ 105,701,515	100%	\$ 105,701,515	100%	\$173	\$226	\$192	\$ 195,413,043			\$ 255,557,881		\$ 216,964,071						

Estimated NGIA Cost Cap (including bonus money): \$105,704,618.35

These calculated values represent CenterPoint Energy's revised NGIA portfolio. The changes have been described in Reply Comments. Some changes involve different pilot sizes being selected in column D above (or cancelled Hennepin County RNG project being left out of portfolio). Other changes have been made within the Measure Profiles, which are also included in this tab (what was Exhibit N in the original Petition). Changes within the measure profiles might increase or decrease participation for a specific pilot, or adjust other aspects of the pilot quantification.

Unused budget: \$ 3,104

Low-Carbon Fuels Percentage: 51.26%

More specifically the pilot profile tabs in this file with changes are CNP02, CNP06, CNP07, CNP13, and CNP20.

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Category	Item	Item ID	Item Name	Item Description	Item Type	Item Status	Item Location	Item Quantity	Item Unit	Item Value	Item Cost	Item Profit	Item Margin	Item Turnover	Item Cycle	Item Risk	Item Priority	Item Action	Item Date	Item User
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Pilot Profile Inputs

Item	Description	Value	Unit	Category	Notes
1	Age	35	Years	Personal	
2	Gender	Male		Personal	
3	Height	180	cm	Physical	
4	Weight	75	kg	Physical	
5	Eye Color	Brown		Physical	
6	Hair Color	Black		Physical	
7	Medical History	None		Medical	
8	Current Medications	None		Medical	
9	Flight Hours	1500	Hours	Flight Experience	
10	Instrument Flight Hours	800	Hours	Flight Experience	
11	Multi-Engine Hours	300	Hours	Flight Experience	
12	Night Flight Hours	200	Hours	Flight Experience	
13	High Altitude Hours	100	Hours	Flight Experience	
14	Low Altitude Hours	1000	Hours	Flight Experience	
15	Commercial Pilot License	Yes		Certification	
16	Instrument Rating	Yes		Certification	
17	Multi-Engine Rating	Yes		Certification	
18	High Altitude Rating	Yes		Certification	
19	Low Altitude Rating	Yes		Certification	
20	Language Proficiency	English		Language	
21	Other Languages	None		Language	
22	Current Employer	ABC Airlines		Employment	
23	Job Title	First Officer		Employment	
24	Years of Experience	5	Years	Employment	
25	Current Salary	50000	USD	Employment	
26	Current Status	Active		Employment	
27	Current Location	New York		Employment	
28	Current Aircraft	Boeing 737		Employment	
29	Current Airline	ABC Airlines		Employment	
30	Current Base	New York		Employment	
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Section 1: Project Overview				Section 2: Resource Allocation				Section 3: Task Progress				Section 4: Budget Management			
ID	Name	Status	Priority	Resource	Count	Unit	Cost	Start	End	Progress	Actual	Budget	Variance	Notes	
101	Task A	Completed	High	John Doe	1	Person	5000	2023-01-01	2023-01-15	100%	5000	5000	0	Task A completed on schedule.	
102	Task B	In Progress	Medium	Jane Smith	2	Person	10000	2023-01-15	2023-02-15	75%	7500	10000	-2500	Task B is behind schedule.	
103	Task C	On Hold	Low	Mike Johnson	1	Person	5000	2023-02-01	2023-02-15	0%	0	5000	5000	Task C is on hold.	
104	Task D	Completed	High	Sarah Lee	1	Person	5000	2023-01-15	2023-01-30	100%	5000	5000	0	Task D completed ahead of schedule.	
105	Task E	In Progress	Medium	David Kim	2	Person	10000	2023-01-30	2023-03-01	50%	5000	10000	-5000	Task E is significantly behind schedule.	
106	Task F	On Hold	Low	Emily White	1	Person	5000	2023-02-15	2023-03-01	0%	0	5000	5000	Task F is on hold.	
107	Task G	Completed	High	Chris Brown	1	Person	5000	2023-01-01	2023-01-15	100%	5000	5000	0	Task G completed on schedule.	
108	Task H	In Progress	Medium	Alex Green	2	Person	10000	2023-01-15	2023-02-15	60%	6000	10000	-4000	Task H is behind schedule.	
109	Task I	On Hold	Low	Nancy Black	1	Person	5000	2023-02-01	2023-02-15	0%	0	5000	5000	Task I is on hold.	
110	Task J	Completed	High	Kevin Red	1	Person	5000	2023-01-15	2023-01-30	100%	5000	5000	0	Task J completed on schedule.	

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UTILITY PILOT COSTS

Allocation of General Portfolio Costs, Size B							per year
Allocation of General Portfolio Costs, Size C							per year
	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:	
Trade Ally Incentives, Size A	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year
Trade Ally Incentives, Size B	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year
Trade Ally Incentives, Size C	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year
	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:	
Workforce Development or Market Transformation Cost, Size A	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year
Workforce Development or Market Transformation Cost, Size B	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year
Workforce Development or Market Transformation Cost, Size C	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year
	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:	
Other Fixed O&M Cost, Size A	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year
Other Fixed O&M Cost, Size B	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year
Other Fixed O&M Cost, Size C	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year
	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:	
Total utility capital investment, Size A	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year
Total utility capital investment, Size B	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year
Total utility capital investment, Size C	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year
	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:	
Est. Annual Revenue Requirement for Capital Projects, Size A	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year
Est. Annual Revenue Requirement for Capital Projects, Size B	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year
Est. Annual Revenue Requirement for Capital Projects, Size C	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year
	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:	
Est. Total Revenue Requirement for Capital Projects, Size A	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year
Est. Total Revenue Requirement for Capital Projects, Size B	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year
Est. Total Revenue Requirement for Capital Projects, Size C	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year
	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:	
Incentives, Size A	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year
Incentives, Size B	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year
Incentives, Size C	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year
	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:	
Incentives per Participant, Size A	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	\$ -	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	per participant per year
Incentives per Participant, Size B	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	\$ -	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	per participant per year
Incentives per Participant, Size C	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	\$ -	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	per participant per year

If applicable, include here the annual amount of trade ally incentives (e.g. midstream program)

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This tracks expectations for when this pilot would require capital investments from the utility, if applicable. This will not directly feed into the incremental costs for NGIA, but instead will be used to estimate the timing and level of annual revenue requirement resulting from these capital investments (shown below).

For capital projects, the incremental cost impact on the NGIA budget is the annual revenue requirement (return of and on capital additions), as well as the utility "Fixed O&M Costs" captured above. This revenue requirement is calculated from the magnitude & timing of capital investment captured above, based on expected measure life (and depreciation time period), as well as the utility's return on investment.

The total revenue requirement is calculated from the magnitude & timing of total capital investment captured above, based on expected measure life (and depreciation time period), as well as the utility's return on investment. This cost is noted here for reference, it's not used to calculate any of the NGIA evaluation criteria.

Calculations & Other Explanation:

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	
RNG Contract Purchase Cost:	\$ 24.00	\$ 24.00	\$ 24.00	\$ 24.00	\$ 24.00	per Dth (1 Dth = 1MMBtu)
Geologic Gas Cost:	\$ 5.13	\$ 4.86	\$ 4.60	\$ 4.36	\$ 4.13	per Dth
Incremental Fuel Cost:	\$ 18.87	\$ 19.14	\$ 19.40	\$ 19.64	\$ 19.87	per Dth
Incremental Fuel Cost - Average over Contract start year):	\$ 19.63	\$ 19.73	\$ 19.80	\$ 19.85	\$ 19.87	per Dth
M-RETS RTC On-going Registration Costs:	\$/Dth, for all Dth produced					
M-RETS RTC Upfront Registration Costs:	\$0.05 each year					
	\$1,500 One time upfront					
Escalation rate in gas commodity costs:	-5.250%	-5.250%	-5.250%	-5.250%	-5.250%	
Project Verification Costs:	\$ 1,644,806					
	\$35,000 /\$year					Green-E or other cost for project verification

Note - in original Exhibit N these were based on a fixed value for Year 1, but in this combined file they have been linked to the Planning Assumptions' from Exhibit P so that commodity price updates are automatically reflected here. This formula also corrects the mistake CenterPoint Energy made regarding Year 0 commodity costs for RNG Year 1 Commodity costs in the original filing.

Basing costs to CNP on the incremental cost, since RNG offtake contracts will reduce the volumes of geologic gas that we assume.

Assumes Incremental Cost from year 5 is unchanged for remaining years of supply contract.

TOTAL AND DIRECT PARTICIPANT PILOT COSTS

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:
Total Pilot Upfront Costs, Size A	\$ 196	\$ 197	\$ 198	\$ 198	\$ 199	per participant
Total Pilot Upfront Costs, Size B	\$ 196	\$ 197	\$ 198	\$ 198	\$ 199	per participant
Total Pilot Upfront Costs, Size C	\$ 196	\$ 197	\$ 198	\$ 198	\$ 199	per participant
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Third Party Funding, Size A	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per participant
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Direct Participant Pilot Costs, Size A	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per participant
Direct Participant Pilot Costs, Size B	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per participant
Direct Participant Pilot Costs, Size C	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per participant

This represents the total equipment and installation costs for technologies implemented as part of this pilot (specifically non-utility capital projects that were captured separately above). This cost does not account for what portion of costs may be covered by utility incentives nor include utility program admin costs.

If there are expectations for external funding sources (e.g. IRA, etc) account for those values here. This funding is noted here for reference, it's not used to calculate any of the NGIA evaluation criteria.

This represents the upfront costs to participants who participate in this pilot. This is a calculated value, where utility incentives are subtracted from the total upfront project costs. Direct Participant Pilot costs will be used in the Participant Cost tests for the NGIA evaluation criteria. Note 1 some pilots taking a Direct Install approach may see the utility covering all costs, with no upfront financial contribution from the participant.

For an escalation rate, we use the average of the 12-month percentage change in the "all items" consumer price index available from the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics, as reported in December for each of the last five years. Using the most recently available data.

Calculations & Other Explanation:

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5
Escalation rate	3.82%	3.82%	3.82%	3.82%	3.82%

(for each pilot analysis year)

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TOTAL ANNUAL Dth SAVED	Total Annual Dth Saved, Size A	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	
	Total Annual Dth Saved, Size B	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	Dth
	Total Annual Dth Saved, Size C	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	Dth
	Calculations & Other Explanation:						

Natural gas energy savings that result from multiplying savings per participant times the total number of new participants in a given year

GRID MIX SCENARIO	Grid Mix Scenario	Xcel	Select one of the listed grid mix scenarios taking into account that:
	Calculations & Other Explanation:	Xcel 2025 and Xcel 2030 used to reflect plan window investments over the 10 years - Hennepin Co. confirmed to be in Xcel service territory for electricity supply.	

*Utilities shall use electric-utility-specific generation mix information for the renewable natural gas facility when it is reasonably available. When electric utility-specific information is not available, the filing gas utility will use a state-specific generation mix taken from National Renewable Energy Laboratory's National Energy Modeling System (NEMS) model.

This section does not apply to all pilot types. The GHG changes from decreased natural gas and/or electricity consumption will be calculated based on values above. However, for pilots where NGIA requires lifecycle GHG savings (e.g. RNG, hydrogen, carbon capture) this section accounts for the lifecycle change in GHG emissions (per unit of participation).								
LIFECYCLE GHG INTENSITY BY PROJECT SIZE	Lifecycle GHG Intensity Savings, Size A		Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	
	Low							kg CO2e/participant
	Expected	68.10	68.10	68.10	68.10	68.10	68.10	kg CO2e/participant
	High							kg CO2e/participant
	Lifecycle GHG Intensity Savings, Size B		Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	
	Low							kg CO2e/participant
	Expected	68.10	68.10	68.10	68.10	68.10	68.10	kg CO2e/participant
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	Lifecycle GHG Intensity Savings, Size C		Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	
	Low							kg CO2e/participant
Expected	68.10	68.10	68.10	68.10	68.10	68.10	kg CO2e/participant	
High							kg CO2e/participant	

For RNG pilots (where the units of participation are Dth of RNG purchased) the above values represent the lifecycle emission reduction achieved per Dth of RNG purchase. Calculated as the difference between the carbon intensity score calculated from GREET for this pilot, vs. the GREET emission factor for geologic natural gas combustion.

Calculations & Other Explanation:	GHG Intensity	These values represent the carbon intensity for this project/archetype, as calculated by ICF using GREET. Some default assumptions from GREET have been updated to better reflect typical expectations for RNG projects in Minnesota (e.g. GHG intensity of electricity supply), use of combined heat and power on-site vs. grid electricity, etc.		
	Size A	Size B	Size C	
Low Scenario				Note that carbon intensities will vary by project and GREET calculations will be required for specific projects as they are chosen (based on assumed project designs, and later updated for actual operating conditions).
Expected Scenario	(2)	(2)	(2)	Also note that GREET's rules for carbon accounting (which NGIA legislation requires CenterPoint to follow) differ from California's Low-Carbon Fuel Standard (LCFS) in a number of areas, meaning that these scores can look quite different than California LCFS Carbon Intensity scores.
High Scenario				

Default Geologic Gas Emissions Factor	kg CO2e/Dth	68.14
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RNG GHG factor, updated for grid mix factors 2025, 2030, and 2035	kg CO2e/Dth	Pilot Lifetime Average	2024-2028 period, using 2025 grid mix	2029-2033 period, using 2030 grid mix	2034-2038 period, using 2035 grid mix	-1.96	-0.62	-2.53	-2.54
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OTHER PILOT-SPECIFIC PARAMETERS (formerly 'General Parameters' in CIP Calculator):	
PEAK REDUCTION FACTOR	1%
Calculations & Other Explanation:	The estimated average annual effect of the project on system peak. It is estimated to be 1% for energy efficiency pilots. The method for other innovative resources should be considered in the context of specific utility proposals. Peak Reduction Factor will be used in the Utility Cost and Non Participant Cost tests for the NGIA evaluation criteria.

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NET JOB CREATION		Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Total during 5 program years	Remainder of project life		
		Net Direct Job Creation, Size A	0	0	1	1	1	3	3	3 # of jobs
		Net Direct Job Creation, Size B	0	0	4	4	4	13	13	33 # of jobs
		Net Direct Job Creation, Size C	0	0	8	8	8	25	25	65 # of jobs
		Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Total during 5 program years	Remainder of project life		
Net Indirect Job Creation, Size A	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	3 # of jobs	
Net Indirect Job Creation, Size B	0	0	2	2	1	5	5	12	12 # of jobs	
Net Indirect Job Creation, Size C	0	0	3	3	3	9	9	23	23 # of jobs	
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Net Induced Job Creation, Size B	0	0	2	2	2	6	6	7	18 # of jobs	
Net Induced Job Creation, Size A	0	0	5	4	4	13	13	35	35 # of jobs	

Calculations & Other Explanation:
 Job numbers are estimated as Full Time Equivalents (FTE) and are rounded off.

Utilities should consider both jobs created by proposed pilots and jobs that may be eliminated by proposed pilots.

PUBLIC CO-BENEFITS		Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:			
		Public Co-Benefits, Size A	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-	per year	Quantifiable in some cases. If this metric isn't quantifiable, there is space for any qualitative comments in the Additional Qualitative Considerations section below.
		Public Co-Benefits, Size B	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-	per year	
		Public Co-Benefits, Size C	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-	per year	

Calculations & Other Explanation:

WATER POLLUTION		Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:			
		Water Pollution, Size A	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-	per year	The legislation left the door open to quantify any costs and benefits on water pollution. This might be quantifiable for some of the projects. If this metric isn't quantifiable, there is space for any qualitative comments in the Additional Qualitative Considerations section below.
		Water Pollution, Size B	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-	per year	
		Water Pollution, Size C	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-	per year	

Calculations & Other Explanation:

ADDITIONAL QUALITATIVE CONSIDERATIONS:

NGIA Utility Perspective Notes:
It is expected that most of the utility perspective costs and benefits will be quantifiable with and should be heavily informed by the structural values and CIP quantification methods.

Definition:

NGIA Participants' Perspective Notes:
It is expected that many of the elements of the participant perspective, with respect to the direct effect of pilots, will be quantifiable and will rely on the structural values. Add here any information related to some direct effects of pilots on participants that may not be easily quantifiable. For example, increased comfort in a home and health benefits from pilots that improve indoor air quality are two examples of benefits that may be difficult to quantify.

Definition:

NGIA

Nonparticipating Customers

Perspective Notes:

As with the utility perspective, the direct effects of pilot programs on non-participating customers should be quantified in most cases and can be heavily informed by structural values.

Definition:

Provides widespread benefits to all sales customers

Effects on Other

Energy Systems and Energy Security

Definition:

NGIA invites the Commission to consider how innovative resources fit into the energy system with a broader perspective than effects on the gas utility and its customers. Measures like strategic electrification specifically require gas utilities and the Commission to avoid negative effects on the electric system. Further, the NGIA empowers the Commission to consider a wide variety of "costs and benefits that may be expected under a plan," one of which is a reduction of reliance on imported resources and national fuel markets.

Fuel made in MN and reduces import of fuel from outside of MN

GHG Emissions

Notes:

An innovation plan must include the total lifecycle GHG emissions that the utility projects will be reduced or avoided through implementing the plan. This benefit should be generally quantifiable using the Commission-approved GHG accounting framework and GHG externality values. Note that this row also calls for discussion of any environmental justice effects of the pilot related to GHG emissions, these may not be quantifiable.

Other Pollution

Notes:

Definition:

Include any additional non-GHG environmental costs and benefits. For example, effects on water pollution that may not be quantifiable, or specific air quality benefits to a low income community. Note that this also calls for discussion of any environmental justice effects of the pilot related to non-GHG pollution.

Planned facility located in an environmental justice area of concern

Waste Reduction and Reuse Notes:

Waste reduction, reuse, and anaerobic digestion are goals of the NGIA. Includes

Definition:

reduction of water use.
Supports community organics recycling

Policy Notes:

Definition:

NGIA is intended to help the state achieve certain environmental policy goals including geologic gas throughput reduction and increased use of renewable resources.
Reduces fossil gas throughput; avoids landfilling; increases use of renewable energy

Net Job Creation

Notes:

An innovation plan must include, as applicable, "projected local job impacts resulting from implementation of the plan." Utilities should consider both jobs created by proposed pilots and jobs that may be eliminated by proposed pilots.

Economic

Development

Notes:

The Commission must make a finding that the innovation plan "promotes local economic development." Creation of jobs is a form of economic development, but economic development is broader. For example, pilots that pay workers a living wage or support apprenticeships or training opportunities would provide additional economic benefits.

Will pay prevailing wages; will seek apprentices; will seek to hire from local community

Public Co-Benefits

Notes:

Definition:

There may be public benefits for certain pilots. For example, the NGIA is intended to help support wastewater treatment and organics recycling. This category could also include odor effects on Minnesota communities – either reductions in unpleasant odors or increased odor problems.
Supports local government waste management

Market

Development

Notes:

Definition:

The NGIA supports the development of new markets or expansion of markets in Minnesota. For example, utilities are required to describe whether proposed plans support the development of alternative agricultural products, as well as the geographic areas of the state where benefits are realized.
May produce fertilizer or soil amendments

Direct Innovation

Support Notes:

Definition: This category is intended to answer how the proposed pilot supports the development and increased deployment of innovative resources beyond the direct program impacts. For example, research and development projects, which are permitted under the NGIA.40 are unlikely to produce significant benefits on their own but are intended to lead to future opportunities.

Opportunity for Company to learn about purchasing RNG

Resource

Scalability and Role

in a Decarbonized

System Notes:

Definition: While NGIA pilots may have small impacts in the near-term, stakeholders felt it was important for the Commission to consider the potential importance of each resource in a decarbonized energy system. The NGIA requires the Commission to consider changes to natural gas utility and regulatory policy structures needed to meet or exceed Minnesota's GHG reduction goals. NGIA pilots should provide valuable information to the Commission as it considers the energy future of the state.

Realistic pathways to decarbonization include RNG

UTILITY PILOT COSTS

Workforce Development or Market Transformation Cost, Size A
 Workforce Development or Market Transformation Cost, Size B
 Workforce Development or Market Transformation Cost, Size C

Other Fixed O&M Cost, Size A
 Other Fixed O&M Cost, Size B
 Other Fixed O&M Cost, Size C

Total utility capital investment, Size A
 Total utility capital investment, Size B
 Total utility capital investment, Size C

Est. Annual Revenue Requirement for Capital Projects, Size A
 Est. Annual Revenue Requirement for Capital Projects, Size B
 Est. Annual Revenue Requirement for Capital Projects, Size C

Est. Total Revenue Requirement for Capital Projects, Size A
 Est. Total Revenue Requirement for Capital Projects, Size B
 Est. Total Revenue Requirement for Capital Projects, Size C

Incentives, Size A
 Incentives, Size B
 Incentives, Size C

Incentives per Participant, Size A
 Incentives per Participant, Size B
 Incentives per Participant, Size C

Calculations & Other Explanation:

RNG Contract Purchase Cost: \$ 24.00 \$ 24.00 \$ 24.00 \$ 24.00 \$ 24.00 per Dth (1 Dth = 1 MMBtu)

Geologic Gas Cost: \$ 5.13 \$ 4.86 \$ 4.60 \$ 4.36 \$ 4.13 per Dth
 Incremental Fuel Cost: \$ 18.87 \$ 19.14 \$ 19.40 \$ 19.64 \$ 19.87 per Dth
 Incremental Fuel Cost - Average over Contract Life (based on contract start year): \$ 19.63 \$ 19.73 \$ 19.80 \$ 19.85 \$ 19.87 per Dth

M-RETS RTC On-going Registration Costs: \$0.05 /Dth, for all Dth produced each year
 M-RETS RTC Upfront Registration Costs: \$1,500 One time upfront

Project Verification Costs: \$60,000 /year Green-E or other cost for project verification

TOTAL AND DIRECT PARTICIPANT PILOT COSTS

Total Pilot Upfront Costs, Size A
 Total Pilot Upfront Costs, Size B
 Total Pilot Upfront Costs, Size C

Third Party Funding, Size A
 Third Party Funding, Size B
 Third Party Funding, Size C
 Description of source of external funding:

Direct Participant Pilot Costs, Size A
 Direct Participant Pilot Costs, Size B
 Direct Participant Pilot Costs, Size C

Calculations & Other Explanation:

Escalation rate 3.82% 3.82% 3.82% 3.82% 3.82% (for each pilot analysis year)

PARTICIPANT NON-ENERGY COSTS

Participant Non-Energy Costs, Size A
 Participant Non-Energy Costs, Size B
 Participant Non-Energy Costs, Size C

Calculations & Other Explanation:

Escalation rate 3.82% 3.82% 3.82% 3.82% 3.82% (for each pilot analysis year)

PARTICIPANT NON-ENERGY SAVINGS

Participant Non-Energy Savings, Size A
 Participant Non-Energy Savings, Size B
 Participant Non-Energy Savings, Size C

Calculations & Other Explanation:

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:
Workforce Development or Market Transformation Cost, Size A	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year
Workforce Development or Market Transformation Cost, Size B	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year
Workforce Development or Market Transformation Cost, Size C	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year
Other Fixed O&M Cost, Size A	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year
Other Fixed O&M Cost, Size B	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year
Other Fixed O&M Cost, Size C	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year
Total utility capital investment, Size A	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year
Total utility capital investment, Size B	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year
Total utility capital investment, Size C	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year
Est. Annual Revenue Requirement for Capital Projects, Size A	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year
Est. Annual Revenue Requirement for Capital Projects, Size B	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year
Est. Annual Revenue Requirement for Capital Projects, Size C	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year
Total						USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:
	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year
	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year
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Incentives, Size A	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year
Incentives, Size B	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year
Incentives, Size C	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year
Incentives per Participant, Size A	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	\$ -	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	per participant per year
Incentives per Participant, Size B	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	\$ -	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	per participant per year
Incentives per Participant, Size C	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	\$ -	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	per participant per year
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Total Pilot Upfront Costs, Size A	\$ 196	\$ 197	\$ 198	\$ 198	\$ 199	per participant
Total Pilot Upfront Costs, Size B	\$ 196	\$ 197	\$ 198	\$ 198	\$ 199	per participant
Total Pilot Upfront Costs, Size C	\$ 196	\$ 197	\$ 198	\$ 198	\$ 199	per participant
Third Party Funding, Size A	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per participant
Third Party Funding, Size B	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per participant
Third Party Funding, Size C	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per participant
Direct Participant Pilot Costs, Size A	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per participant
Direct Participant Pilot Costs, Size B	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per participant
Direct Participant Pilot Costs, Size C	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per participant
Escalation rate	3.82%	3.82%	3.82%	3.82%	3.82%	(for each pilot analysis year)
Participant Non-Energy Costs, Size A	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per participant per year of pilot life
Participant Non-Energy Costs, Size B	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per participant per year of pilot life
Participant Non-Energy Costs, Size C	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per participant per year of pilot life
Escalation rate	3.82%	3.82%	3.82%	3.82%	3.82%	(for each pilot analysis year)
Participant Non-Energy Savings, Size A	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per participant per year of pilot life
Participant Non-Energy Savings, Size B	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per participant per year of pilot life
Participant Non-Energy Savings, Size C	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per participant per year of pilot life

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This tracks expectations for when this pilot would require capital investments from the utility, if applicable. This will not directly feed into the incremental costs for NGIA, but instead will be used to estimate the timing and level of annual revenue requirement resulting from these capital investments (shown below).

For capital projects, the incremental cost impact on the NGIA budget is the annual revenue requirement (return of and on capital additions), as well as the utility "Fixed O&M Costs" captured above. This revenue requirement is calculated from the magnitude & timing of capital investment captured above, based on expected measure life (and depreciation time period), as well as the utility's return on investment.

The total revenue requirement is calculated from the magnitude & timing of total capital investment captured above, based on expected measure life (and depreciation time period), as well as the utility's return on investment. This cost is noted here for reference, it's not used to calculate any of the NGIA evaluation criteria.

This tracks total incentives paid directly to customers (customer rebates like money, gift cards or other fungible payments, etc). Do not include here cost of customer benefits delivered directly to the customer by a program vendor (paying for the cost of energy/CHG audits or direct install measures), or making a capital investment in a customer's project where the customer doesn't hold equipment ownership. Incentives will be noted in the Participant Cost tests for the NGIA evaluation criteria.

Incentives per participant is a function of total incentives paid directly to customers.

Note - in original Exhibit N these were based on a fixed value for Year 1, but in this combined file they have been linked to the Planning Assumptions' from Exhibit P so that commodity price updates are automatically reflected here. This formula also corrects the mistake CenterPoint Energy reported, about using Year 0 commodity costs for RNG Year 1 Commodity costs in the original filing.

Basing costs to CNP on the incremental cost, since RNG offtake contracts will reduce the volumes of geologic gas that

Assumes Incremental Cost from year 5 is unchanged for remaining years of supply contract.

This represents the total equipment and installation costs for technologies implemented as part of this pilot (specifically non-utility capital projects that were captured separately above). This cost does not account for what portion of costs may be covered by utility incentives, nor include utility program admin costs.

If there are expectations for external funding sources (eg IRA, etc) account for those values here. This funding is noted here for reference, it's not used to calculate any of the NGIA evaluation criteria.

This represents the upfront costs to participants who participate in this pilot. This is a calculated value, where utility incentives are subtracted from the total upfront project costs. Direct Participant Pilot costs will be used in the Participant Cost tests for the NGIA evaluation criteria. Note some pilots taking a Direct Install approach may see the utility covering all costs, with no upfront financial contribution from the participant.

For an escalation rate, we use the average of the 12-month percentage change in the "all items" consumer price index available from the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics, as reported in December for each of the last five years. Using the most recently available data.

This includes any increased in costs like equipment operating costs or increased water costs. Participant Non-Energy Costs will be used in the Participant Cost tests for the NGIA evaluation criteria.

For an escalation rate, we use the average of the 12-month percentage change in the "all items" consumer price index available from the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics, as reported in December for each of the last five years. Using the most recently available data.

This includes any operating savings like water savings.

PILOT LIFE	Average Lifetime for Savings/Pilot Tech, Size A	<input type="text" value="10"/>	years				
	Average Lifetime for Savings/Pilot Tech, Size B	<input type="text" value="10"/>	years				
	Average Lifetime for Savings/Pilot Tech, Size C	<input type="text" value="10"/>	years				
	<u>Calculations & Other Explanation:</u>						
NATURAL GAS ENERGY SAVINGS: AVG. Dth/ PARTICIPANT SAVED	Avg. Dth/Participant Saved, Size A	<input type="text" value="0"/>	Dth/Participant				
	Avg. Dth/Participant Saved, Size B	<input type="text" value="0"/>	Dth/Participant				
	Avg. Dth/Participant Saved, Size C	<input type="text" value="0"/>	Dth/Participant				
	<u>Calculations & Other Explanation:</u> Changes in natural gas consumption for RNG production are already factored into Carbon Intensity through GREET calculations (avoiding double counting them here).						
AVG. NON-GAS FUEL UNITS/ PART.	Avg. Non-Gas Fuel Units/Part. Saved, Size A	<input type="text" value="0"/>	kWh/Participant				
	Avg. Non-Gas Fuel Units/Part. Saved, Size B	<input type="text" value="0"/>	kWh/Participant				
	Avg. Non-Gas Fuel Units/Part. Saved, Size C	<input type="text" value="0"/>	kWh/Participant				
	Units are kWh; could technically be other non-NG. Avg. Non-Gas Fuel Units/Part. Saved will be used in the Participant Cost tests for the NGIA evaluation criteria.						
	Avg. Additional Non-Gas Fuel Units/Part.Used, Size A	<input type="text" value="0"/>	kWh/Participant				
	Avg. Additional Non-Gas Fuel Units/Part.Used, Size B	<input type="text" value="0"/>	kWh/Participant				
	Avg. Additional Non-Gas Fuel Units/Part.Used, Size C	<input type="text" value="0"/>	kWh/Participant				
	Avg. Additional Non-Gas Fuel Units/Part. Used will be used in the Participant Cost tests for the NGIA evaluation criteria.						
	<u>Calculations & Other Explanation:</u> Changes in electricity consumption for RNG production are already factored into Carbon Intensity through GREET calculations (avoiding double counting them here).						
TOTAL ANNUAL Dth SAVED	Total Annual Dth Saved, Size A	<input type="text" value="0.00"/>	Dth				
	Total Annual Dth Saved, Size B	<input type="text" value="0.00"/>	Dth				
	Total Annual Dth Saved, Size C	<input type="text" value="0.00"/>	Dth				
	<u>Calculations & Other Explanation:</u> Natural gas energy savings that result from multiplying savings per participant times the total number of new participants in a given year						
GRID MIX SCENARIO	Grid Mix Scenario	<input type="text" value="Xcel"/>	Select one of the listed grid mix scenarios taking into account that: -Utilities shall use electric-utility-specific generation mix information for the renewable natural gas facility when it is reasonably available. When electric utility-specific information is not available, the filing gas utility will use a state-specific generation mix taken from National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL) Standard Scenarios. If the resource used as a fuel is a mix of other fuels, the resource shall use a higher percentage of other fuels than is available in the state-specific generation mix.				
	<u>Calculations & Other Explanation:</u>						
LIFECYCLE GHG INTENSITY BY PROJECT SIZE	This section does not apply to all pilot types. The GHG changes from decreased natural gas and/or electricity consumption will be calculated based on values above. However, for pilots where NGIA requires lifecycle GHG savings (e.g. RNG, hydrogen, carbon capture) this section accounts for the lifecycle change in GHG emissions (per unit of participation).						
	Lifecycle GHG Intensity Savings, Size A	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	kg CO2e/participant
	Low						
	Expected	96.89	96.89	96.89	96.89	96.89	kg CO2e/participant
	High						kg CO2e/participant
	Lifecycle GHG Intensity Savings, Size B	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	kg CO2e/participant
	Low						
	Expected	96.89	96.89	96.89	96.89	96.89	kg CO2e/participant
	High						kg CO2e/participant
	Lifecycle GHG Intensity Savings, Size C	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	kg CO2e/participant
	Low						
	Expected	96.89	96.89	96.89	96.89	96.89	kg CO2e/participant
High						kg CO2e/participant	
	For RNG pilots (where the units of participation are Dth of RNG purchased) the above values represent the lifecycle emission reduction achieved per Dth of RNG purchase (calculated as the difference between the carbon intensity score calculated from GREET for this pilot, vs. the GREET emission factor for geologic natural gas combustion).						
	<u>Calculations & Other Explanation:</u>						
		GHG Intensity	Size B	Size C	These values represent the carbon intensity for this project/archetype, as calculated by ICF using GREET. Some default assumptions from GREET have been updated to better reflect typical expectations for RNG projects in Minnesota (e.g. GHG intensity of electricity supply), use of combined heat and power on-site vs. grid electricity, etc.		
	Size A	kg CO2e/Dth			Note that carbon intensities will vary by project, and GREET calculations will be required for specific projects as they are chosen (based on assumed project designs, and later updated for actual operating conditions).		
Low Scenario					Also note that GREET's rules for carbon accounting (which NGIA legislation requires CenterPoint to follow) differ from California's Low-Carbon Fuel Standard (LCFS) in a number of areas, meaning that these scores can look quite different than California LCFS Carbon Intensity scores.		
Expected Scenario	(31)	(31)	(31)				
High Scenario							
Default Geologic Gas Emissions Factor		kg CO2e/Dth	66.14				
RNG GHG factor, updated for grid mix factors 2025, 2030, and 2035	Pilot Lifetime Average	2024-2028 period, using 2025 grid mix	2029-2033 period, using 2030 grid mix	2034-2038 period, using 2035 grid mix			
	kg CO2e/Dth	-30.74	-29.14	-31.42			

OTHER PILOT-SPECIFIC PARAMETERS (formerly 'General Parameters' in CIP Calculator):

PEAK REDUCTION FACTOR	Peak Reduction Factor	<input type="text" value="1%"/>	The estimated average annual effect of the project on system peak. It is estimated to be 1% for energy efficiency pilots. The method for other innovative resources should be considered in the context of specific utility proposals. Peak Reduction Factor will be used in the Utility Cost and Non Participant Cost tests for the NGIA evaluation criteria.
	<u>Calculations & Other Explanation:</u>		

Values now linked directly back to planning assumptions tab (possible given the combination of formerly separate Exhibits P and N into a single file)

VARIABLE O&M	Variable O&M Cost, Applies to all project sizes	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:	The CIP methodology is used for energy efficiency. However, the value for other innovative resources should be considered in the context of specific utility proposals. For example, resources like power-to-hydrogen and RNG may not decrease O&M costs as they also need to be transported to customers on the distribution system. Variable O&M will be used in the Utility Cost and Non Participant Cost tests for the NGIA evaluation criteria. Annual Escalation Rate calculated using the average percent change in the price of natural gas between 2023 through 2027 to all users in the West	
		\$ 0.05	\$ 0.04	\$ 0.04	\$ 0.04	\$ 0.04	per Dth		
	Escalation rate	n/a	-5.250%	-5.250%	-5.250%	-5.250%	((for each pilot analysis year)		
	Non-Gas (i.e., Electric) Fuel Cost	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:						\$ 44.14 per MWh	The CIP methodology is used for all resources other than strategic electrification. The method for strategic electrification should be considered in the context of specific utility pilot proposals. equal to the average of daily real-time final market locational marginal prices (LMP) at the Minnesota Hub from January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022 using data from Midwest Independent System Operator (MISO)
	Non-Gas Fuel Loss Factor	8.22%							The CIP methodology is used for all resources other than strategic electrification. The method for strategic electrification should be considered in the context of specific utility pilot proposals. In the most recent CIP, Staff used the weighted average of the most recent loss factors reported by Minnesota Power, Xcel Energy, and Otter Tail Power's reported 2021 transmission and distribution loss factors and weighting by the utilities' 2017-2019 average retail sales

OTHER QUANTITATIVE CRITERIA:

OTHER NON-GHG POLLUTANTS	Other Non-GHG Pollutants, Size A Other Non-GHG Pollutants, Size B Other Non-GHG Pollutants, Size C	USD Cost Unit:		Generally no change from CIP methodology. The factor is calculated using the final environmental cost values approved by Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (Commission). The factors are reported in 2021 dollars in Table 2 below, which were calculated by inflating the Commission's approved dollar per ton environmental cost values using escalation rate to adjust by observed inflation between 2014 and 2021. Stakeholders expressed a preference for allowing utilities to select different externality values for pilots targeting specific geographies or populations. For example, an energy efficiency project that targets an urban area might use the urban value rather than the metropolitan fringe value. Similarly, a project targeting a low-income population might use a high value rather than the median. Utilities can make deviations such as these in their NGIA plans if they can provide justification for the change. Instead of requiring the use of median metropolitan fringe values for all non-GHG pollutants, as shown in Table 1 of the Commission's January 3, 2018 Order in Docket No. E1999/CI-14-643, utilities may use the value most applicable for the pilot or measure.
		\$ 0.37	per Dth	
	Other Non-GHG Pollutants, Size A	\$ 0.37	per Dth	
	Other Non-GHG Pollutants, Size B	\$ 0.37	per Dth	
	Other Non-GHG Pollutants, Size C	\$ 0.37	per Dth	

NET JOB CREATION	Net Direct Job Creation, Size A Net Direct Job Creation, Size B Net Direct Job Creation, Size C	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Total during 5 program years	Remainder of project life	# of jobs	Utilities should consider both jobs created by proposed pilots and jobs that may be eliminated by proposed pilots.
		0	0	11	11	9	9	4		
	Net Indirect Job Creation, Size A Net Indirect Job Creation, Size B Net Indirect Job Creation, Size C	0	0	1	1	1	2	6	6	Utilities should consider both jobs created by proposed pilots and jobs that may be eliminated by proposed pilots.
	Net Indirect Job Creation, Size A Net Indirect Job Creation, Size B Net Indirect Job Creation, Size C	1	0	6	6	5	18	44	44	
	Net Indirect Job Creation, Size A Net Indirect Job Creation, Size B Net Indirect Job Creation, Size C	0	0	7	7	7	21	54	54	
	Net Induced Job Creation, Size A Net Induced Job Creation, Size A Net Induced Job Creation, Size A	0	0	1	1	1	2	6	6	
	Net Induced Job Creation, Size A Net Induced Job Creation, Size A Net Induced Job Creation, Size A	1	0	6	6	6	20	50	50	
	Net Induced Job Creation, Size A Net Induced Job Creation, Size A Net Induced Job Creation, Size A	0	0	8	8	8	24	62	62	

March 15th 2024 Update: Note that Net Job Creation impacts have not been updated with the current changes to this pilot.

PUBLIC CO-BENEFITS	Public Co-Benefits, Size A Public Co-Benefits, Size B Public Co-Benefits, Size C	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:	Quantifiable in some cases. If this metric isn't quantifiable, there is space for any qualitative comments in the Additional Qualitative Considerations section below.
		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year	
	Public Co-Benefits, Size A	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year	
	Public Co-Benefits, Size B	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year	
	Public Co-Benefits, Size C	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year	

WATER POLLUTION	Water Pollution, Size A Water Pollution, Size B Water Pollution, Size C	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:	The legislation left the door open to quantify any costs and benefits on water pollution. This might be quantifiable for some of the projects. If this metric isn't quantifiable, there is space for any qualitative comments in the Additional Qualitative Considerations section below.
		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year	
	Water Pollution, Size A	\$ - <td>\$ - <td>\$ - <td>\$ - <td>\$ - <td>per year</td> <td></td> </td></td></td></td>	\$ - <td>\$ - <td>\$ - <td>\$ - <td>per year</td> <td></td> </td></td></td>	\$ - <td>\$ - <td>\$ - <td>per year</td> <td></td> </td></td>	\$ - <td>\$ - <td>per year</td> <td></td> </td>	\$ - <td>per year</td> <td></td>	per year	
	Water Pollution, Size B	\$ - <td>\$ - <td>\$ - <td>\$ - <td>\$ - <td>per year</td> <td></td> </td></td></td></td>	\$ - <td>\$ - <td>\$ - <td>\$ - <td>per year</td> <td></td> </td></td></td>	\$ - <td>\$ - <td>\$ - <td>per year</td> <td></td> </td></td>	\$ - <td>\$ - <td>per year</td> <td></td> </td>	\$ - <td>per year</td> <td></td>	per year	
	Water Pollution, Size C	\$ - <td>\$ - <td>\$ - <td>\$ - <td>\$ - <td>per year</td> <td></td> </td></td></td></td>	\$ - <td>\$ - <td>\$ - <td>\$ - <td>per year</td> <td></td> </td></td></td>	\$ - <td>\$ - <td>\$ - <td>per year</td> <td></td> </td></td>	\$ - <td>\$ - <td>per year</td> <td></td> </td>	\$ - <td>per year</td> <td></td>	per year	

ADDITIONAL QUALITATIVE CONSIDERATIONS:
 NGIA Utility Perspective Notes:

Definition: *It is expected that most of the utility perspective costs and benefits will be quantifiable with and should be heavily informed by the structural values and CIP quantification methods.*

NGIA Participants' Perspective Notes:
Definition: *It is expected that many of the elements of the participant perspective, with respect to the direct effect of pilots, will be quantifiable and will rely on the structural values. Add here any information related to some direct effects of pilots on participants that may not be easily quantifiable. For example, increased comfort in a home and health benefits from pilots that improve indoor air quality are two examples of benefits that may be difficult to quantify.*

NGIA Nonparticipating Customers' Perspective Notes:
Definition: *As with the utility perspective, the direct effects of pilot programs on non-participating customers should be quantified in most cases and can be heavily informed by structural values.*
Provides widespread benefits to all sales customers

Effects on Other Energy Systems and Energy Security:
Definition: *NGIA invites the Commission to consider how innovative resources fit into the energy system with a broader perspective than effects on the gas utility and its customers. Measures like strategic electrification specifically require gas utilities and the Commission to avoid negative effects on the electric system. Further, the NGIA empowers the Commission to consider a wide variety of "costs and benefits that may be expected under a plan," one of which is a reduction of reliance on imported resources and national fuel markets.*
Fuel made in MN and reduces import of fuel from outside of MN

GHG Emissions Notes:
Definition: *An innovation plan must include the total lifecycle GHG emissions that the utility projects will be reduced or avoided through implementing the plan. This benefit should be generally quantifiable using the Commission-approved GHG accounting framework and GHG externality values. Note that this row also calls for discussion of any environmental justice effects of the pilot related to GHG emissions; these may not be quantifiable.*

Other Pollution Notes:
Definition: *Include any additional non-GHG environmental costs and benefits. For example, effects on water pollution that may not be quantifiable, or specific air quality benefits to a low income community. Note that this also calls for discussion of any environmental justice effects of the pilot related to non-GHG pollution.*

Waste Reduction and Reuse Notes:
Definition: *Waste reduction, reuse, and anaerobic digestion are goals of the NGIA. Includes reduction of water use.*
Supports community organics recycling

Policy Notes:
Definition: *NGIA is intended to help the state achieve certain environmental policy goals including geologic gas throughput reduction and increased use of renewable resources.*
Reduces fossil gas throughput; avoids landfilling; increases use of renewable energy

Net Job Creation Notes:
Definition: *An innovation plan must include, as applicable, "projected local job impacts resulting from implementation of the plan." Utilities should consider both jobs created by proposed pilots and jobs that may be eliminated by proposed pilots.*

Economic Development Notes:
Definition: *The Commission must make a finding that the innovation plan "promotes local economic development." Creation of jobs is a form of economic development, but economic development is broader. For example, pilots that pay workers a living wage or support apprenticeships or training opportunities would provide additional economic benefits.*
Will pay prevailing wages; will seek apprentices; will seek to hire from local community

Public Co-Benefits

Notes:

Definition:

There may be public benefits for certain pilots. For example, the NGIA is intended to help support wastewater treatment and organics recycling. This category could also include odor effects on Minnesota communities – either reductions in unpleasant odors or increased odor problems.

Supports local government waste management

Market

Development

Notes:

Definition:

The NGIA supports the development of new markets or expansion of markets in Minnesota. For example, utilities are required to describe whether proposed plans support the development of alternative agricultural products, as well as the geographic areas of the state where benefits are realized

May produce biochar

Direct Innovation

Support Notes:

Definition:

This category is intended to answer how the proposed pilot supports the development and increased deployment of innovative resources beyond the direct program impacts. For example, research and development projects, which are permitted under the NGIA,40 are unlikely to produce significant benefits on their own but are intended to lead to future opportunities.

Opportunity for Company to learn about purchasing RNG

Resource

Scalability and Role

in a Decarbonized

System Notes:

Definition:

While NGIA pilots may have small impacts in the near-term, stakeholders felt it was important for the Commission to consider the potential importance of each resource in a decarbonized energy system. The NGIA requires the Commission to consider changes to natural gas utility and regulatory policy structures needed to meet or exceed Minnesota's GHG reduction goals. NGIA pilots should provide valuable information to the Commission as it considers the energy future of the state.

Realistic pathways to decarbonization include RNG



CNP03 - RNG Archetype - Wastewater Resource Recovery Facility

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DESCRIPTION	Pilot Project Code:	CNP03	
	Pilot Project Name:	RNG Archetype - Wastewater Resource Recovery Facility	
	Customer Class/Sector:	C&I & Res	
	Low-Income Community Benefit?	N	
	Target Area:	Territory-wide	
	Primary Innovative Resource Category:	Renewable Natural Gas (RNG)	Select primary Innovation Category. Others can be listed here:
	Pilot Description:		
	For Pilots 3-6, the "RNG Archetypes", CenterPoint Energy would purchase RNG - including the commodity and environmental attributes - from multiple RNG producers that have developed RNG projects using a variety of feedstocks. CNP may also support RNG project development by directly investing in the biogas upgrading equipment (required to produce pipeline-quality RNG) for a limited number of RNG projects, to reduce developers' required capital. We have developed an estimate of expected carbon intensity for each type of feedstock to inform our analysis of potential GHG reductions from a portfolio of RNG purchases.		
	Overview of Program/Implementation Approach:		
	CenterPoint Energy would likely issue a request for proposals (RFP) from RNG project developers. The RFP process would help CenterPoint Energy to maximize cost-effectiveness by building a portfolio of RNG purchases from a variety of projects and under customized contract terms.		
Other Comments / Information:			
For the purposes of this analysis, assumes offtake from developer or other entity, not capital investment from CNP.			

KEY PILOT-SPECIFIC INPUTS:

NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS	Pilot Year	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5		
	Calendar Year	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028		
	Participating Units, Size A		10,000				Dekatherms of gas purchased as offtake in single year. Incremental units added, annual (not cumulative). Note, this represents the annual RNG (Dth/year) that will be purchased through a multi-year agreement (project life defined below) starting in this year.	
	Participating Units, Size B		50,000					
	Participating Units, Size C		300,000					
	Units above are to annual dekatherms of RNG supply (shown only for the year supply contract starts)							
	Calculations & Other Explanation: Sizes are placeholder assumptions to show a range of RNG purchase volumes (NGIA rules require at least half of the budget to be for low-carbon fuels, like RNG and Hydrogen).							
		Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5		
	Cumulative RNG Supply (Dth/year), Size A	-	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	
	Cumulative RNG Supply (Dth/year), Size B	-	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	
Cumulative RNG Supply (Dth/year), Size C	-	300,000	300,000	300,000	300,000	300,000	408,750	
Assumed Number of GHG Verifications Required, Size A:	0	1	1	1	1			
Assumed Number of GHG Verifications Required, Size B:	0	2	2	2	2	2 Uncertain how many RNG projects would be needed, conservatively assuming multiple verifications.		
Assumed Number of GHG Verifications Required, Size C:	0	3	3	3	3	3 Uncertain how many RNG projects would be needed, conservatively assuming multiple verifications.		

FIXED O&M COSTS	Annual Total Utility Incremental Cost, Size A	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:	
		\$ 12,250	\$ 203,742	\$ 212,477	\$ 215,283	\$ 217,974	total cost per year	These incremental utility costs are what will count against the NGIA budget cap for this measure and will be used in the Utility Cost, and Non-Participant Cost tests for the NGIA evaluation criteria. This is the sum of utility admin costs to run pilot, any incentive funding to support project deployment, and/or the utility's annual revenue requirement for capital investments made on select pilots.
	Annual Total Utility Incremental Cost, Size B	\$ 12,250	\$ 889,283	\$ 905,402	\$ 917,871	\$ 929,718	total cost per year	
	Annual Total Utility Incremental Cost, Size C	\$ 12,250	\$ 4,978,490	\$ 5,052,429	\$ 5,125,297	\$ 5,194,372	total cost per year	
	Fixed O&M Cost, Size A	\$ 12,250	\$ 203,742	\$ 212,477	\$ 215,283	\$ 217,974	total cost per year	Fixed O&M Cost is the result of adding up Total Project Delivery, Advertising and Promotions, Utility Administration, Trade Ally Incentives, and Workforce Development of Market Transformation Cost
	Fixed O&M Cost, Size B	\$ 12,250	\$ 889,283	\$ 905,402	\$ 917,871	\$ 929,718	total cost per year	
	Fixed O&M Cost, Size C	\$ 12,250	\$ 4,978,490	\$ 5,052,429	\$ 5,125,297	\$ 5,194,372	total cost per year	
	Total Project Delivery, Size A	\$ 12,250	\$ 203,427	\$ 212,477	\$ 215,283	\$ 217,974	per year	Total internal and external project delivery
	Total Project Delivery, Size B	\$ 12,250	\$ 888,801	\$ 905,402	\$ 917,871	\$ 929,718	per year	
	Total Project Delivery, Size C	\$ 12,250	\$ 4,977,657	\$ 5,052,429	\$ 5,125,297	\$ 5,194,372	per year	
Internal Project Delivery, Size A	\$ 12,250	\$ 4,996	\$ 12,996	\$ 13,386	\$ 13,787	per year	CNP staff. These costs are sub-set of the Utility Fixed O&M Cost category above.	
Internal Project Delivery, Size B	\$ 12,250	\$ 7,644	\$ 12,996	\$ 13,386	\$ 13,787	per year		
Internal Project Delivery, Size C	\$ 12,250	\$ 13,218	\$ 12,996	\$ 13,386	\$ 13,787	per year		
External Project Delivery, Size A	\$ -	\$ 198,431	\$ 199,481	\$ 201,897	\$ 204,186	per year	External vendor costs would include direct install costs where CNP reimburses the vendor. These costs are sub-set of the Utility Fixed O&M Cost category above.	
External Project Delivery, Size B	\$ -	\$ 881,156	\$ 892,405	\$ 904,485	\$ 915,931	per year		
External Project Delivery, Size C	\$ -	\$ 4,964,439	\$ 5,039,433	\$ 5,111,911	\$ 5,180,585	per year		
Advertising and Promotions, Size A	\$ -	\$ 315	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year	These costs are sub-set of the Utility Fixed O&M Cost category above.	
Advertising and Promotions, Size B	\$ -	\$ 482	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year		
Advertising and Promotions, Size C	\$ -	\$ 833	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year		
Allocation of General Portfolio Costs, Size A						per year	Share of portfolio level costs, including plan development costs, regulatory costs, and general portfolio costs	
Allocation of General Portfolio Costs, Size B						per year		
Allocation of General Portfolio Costs, Size C						per year		
Trade Ally Incentives, Size A	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year	If applicable, include here the annual amount of trade ally incentives (e.g. midstream program)	
Trade Ally Incentives, Size B	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year		
Trade Ally Incentives, Size C	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year		

UTILITY PILOT COSTS

Workforce Development or Market Transformation Cost, Size A
 Workforce Development or Market Transformation Cost, Size B
 Workforce Development or Market Transformation Cost, Size C

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:
\$	-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year
\$	-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year
\$	-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year

These costs are sub-set of the Utility "Fixed O&M Cost" category above.

Other Fixed O&M Cost, Size A
 Other Fixed O&M Cost, Size B
 Other Fixed O&M Cost, Size C

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:
\$	-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year
\$	-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year
\$	-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year

These costs are sub-set of the Utility "Fixed O&M Cost" category above.

Total utility capital investment, Size A
 Total utility capital investment, Size B
 Total utility capital investment, Size C

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:
\$	-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year
\$	-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year
\$	-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year

This tracks expectations for when this pilot would require capital investments from the utility, if applicable. This will not directly feed into the incremental costs for NGIA, but instead will be used to estimate the timing and level of annual revenue requirement resulting from these capital investments (shown below).

Est. Annual Revenue Requirement for Capital Projects, Size A
 Est. Annual Revenue Requirement for Capital Projects, Size B
 Est. Annual Revenue Requirement for Capital Projects, Size C

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:
\$	-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year
\$	-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year
\$	-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year

For capital projects, the incremental cost impact on the NGIA budget is the annual revenue requirement (return of and on capital additions), as well as the utility "Fixed O&M Costs" captured above. This revenue requirement is calculated from the magnitude & timing of capital investment captured above, based on expected measure life (and depreciation time period), as well as the utility's return on investment.

Est. Total Revenue Requirement for Capital Projects, Size A
 Est. Total Revenue Requirement for Capital Projects, Size B
 Est. Total Revenue Requirement for Capital Projects, Size C

Total	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:
\$	per year
\$	per year
\$	per year

The total revenue requirement is calculated from the magnitude & timing of total capital investment captured above, based on expected measure life (and depreciation time period), as well as the utility's return on investment. This cost is noted here for reference; it's not used to calculate any of the NGIA evaluation criteria.

Incentives, Size A
 Incentives, Size B
 Incentives, Size C

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:
\$	-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year
\$	-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year
\$	-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year

This tracks total incentives paid directly to customers (customer rebates like money, gift cards or other fungible payments, etc.) Do not include here cost of customer benefits delivered directly to the customer by a program vendor (paying for the cost of energy/GHG audits or direct install measures), or making a capital investment in a customer's project where the customer doesn't hold equipment ownership. Incentives will be used in the Participant Cost tests for the NGIA evaluation criteria.

Incentives per Participant, Size A
 Incentives per Participant, Size B
 Incentives per Participant, Size C

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:
#DIV/OI	\$	-	#DIV/OI	#DIV/OI	#DIV/OI	per participant per year
#DIV/OI	\$	-	#DIV/OI	#DIV/OI	#DIV/OI	per participant per year
#DIV/OI	\$	-	#DIV/OI	#DIV/OI	#DIV/OI	per participant per year

Incentives per participant is a function of total incentives paid directly to customers.

Calculations & Other Explanation:

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	
RNG Contract Purchase Cost:	\$ 21.00	\$ 21.00	\$ 21.00	\$ 21.00	\$ 21.00	per Dth (1 Dth = 1MMBtu)
Geologic Gas Cost:	\$ 5.13	\$ 4.86	\$ 4.60	\$ 4.36	\$ 4.13	per Dth
Incremental Fuel Cost:	\$ 15.87	\$ 16.14	\$ 16.40	\$ 16.64	\$ 16.87	per Dth
Incremental Fuel Cost - Average over Contract Life (based on contract start year):	\$ 16.63	\$ 16.73	\$ 16.80	\$ 16.85	\$ 16.87	per Dth
M-RETS RTC On-going Registration Costs:	\$0.05 \$/Dth, for all Dth produced each year					
M-RETS RTC Upfront Registration Costs:	\$1,500 One time upfront					

Note - in original Exhibit N these were based on a fixed value for Year 1, but in this combined file they have been linked to the "Planning Assumptions" from Exhibit P so that commodity price updates are automatically reflected here. This formula also corrects the mistake CenterPoint Energy reported, about using Year 0 commodity costs for RNG Year 1 Commodity costs in the original filing.

Basing costs to CNP on the incremental cost, since RNG offtake contracts will reduce the volumes of geologic gas that we Assumes Incremental Cost from year 5 is unchanged for remaining years of supply contract.

Project Verification Costs: \$35,000 \$/year Green-E or other cost for project verification

TOTAL AND DIRECT PARTICIPANT PILOT COSTS

Total Pilot Upfront Costs, Size A
 Total Pilot Upfront Costs, Size B
 Total Pilot Upfront Costs, Size C

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:
\$	166	\$ 167	\$ 168	\$ 168	\$ 169	per participant
\$	166	\$ 167	\$ 168	\$ 168	\$ 169	per participant
\$	166	\$ 167	\$ 168	\$ 168	\$ 169	per participant

This represents the total equipment and installation costs for technologies implemented as part of this pilot (specifically non-utility capital projects that were captured separately above). This cost does not account for what portion of costs may be covered by utility incentives, nor include utility program admin costs.

Third Party Funding, Size A
 Third Party Funding, Size B
 Third Party Funding, Size C
 Description of source of external funding:

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:
\$	-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per participant
\$	-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per participant
\$	-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per participant

If there are expectations for external funding sources (e.g. IRA, etc) account for those values here. This funding is noted here for reference, it's not used to calculate any of the NGIA evaluation criteria.

Direct Participant Pilot Costs, Size A
 Direct Participant Pilot Costs, Size B
 Direct Participant Pilot Costs, Size C

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:
\$	-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per participant
\$	-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per participant
\$	-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per participant

This represents the upfront costs to participants who participate in this pilot. This is a calculated value, where utility incentives are subtracted from the total upfront project costs. Direct Participant Pilot costs will be used in the Participant Cost tests for the NGIA evaluation criteria. Note: some pilots taking a "Direct Install" approach may see the utility covering all costs, with no upfront financial contribution from the participant.

Calculations & Other Explanation:

Escalation rate	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	
	3.82%	3.82%	3.82%	3.82%	3.82%	(for each pilot analysis year)

For an escalation rate, we use the average of the 12-month percentage change in the "all items" consumer price index available from the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics, as reported in December for each of the last five years. Using the most recently available data.

PARTICIPANT NON-ENERGY COSTS

Participant Non-Energy Costs, Size A
 Participant Non-Energy Costs, Size B
 Participant Non-Energy Costs, Size C

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:
\$	-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per participant per year of pilot life
\$	-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per participant per year of pilot life
\$	-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per participant per year of pilot life

This includes any increased in costs like equipment operating costs or increased water costs. Participant Non-Energy Costs will be used in the Participant Cost tests for the NGIA evaluation criteria.

Calculations & Other Explanation:

Escalation rate	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	
	3.82%	3.82%	3.82%	3.82%	3.82%	(for each pilot analysis year)

For an escalation rate, we use the average of the 12-month percentage change in the "all items" consumer price index available from the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics, as reported in December for each of the last five years. Using the most recently available data.

PARTICIPANT NON-ENERGY SAVINGS

Participant Non-Energy Savings, Size A
 Participant Non-Energy Savings, Size B
 Participant Non-Energy Savings, Size C

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:
\$	-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per participant per year of pilot life
\$	-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per participant per year of pilot life
\$	-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per participant per year of pilot life

This includes any operating savings like water savings.

Calculations & Other Explanation:

PILOT LIFE	Average Lifetime for Savings/Pilot Tech, Size A		10	years
	Average Lifetime for Savings/Pilot Tech, Size B		10	years
	Average Lifetime for Savings/Pilot Tech, Size C		10	years
	<u>Calculations & Other Explanation:</u>			

NATURAL GAS ENERGY SAVINGS/ AVG. Dth/ PARTICIPANT SAVED	Avg. Dth/Participant Saved, Size A		0	Dth/Participant
	Avg. Dth/Participant Saved, Size B		0	Dth/Participant
	Avg. Dth/Participant Saved, Size C		0	Dth/Participant
	<u>Calculations & Other Explanation:</u> Changes in natural gas consumption for RNG production are already factored into Carbon Intensity through GREET calculations (avoiding double counting them here).			

AVG. NON-GAS FUEL UNITS/ PART	Avg. Non-Gas Fuel Units/Part. Saved, Size A		0	kWh/Participant	Units are kWh; could technically be other non-NG. Avg. Non-Gas Fuel Units/Part. Saved will be used in the Participant Cost tests for the NGIA evaluation criteria.
	Avg. Non-Gas Fuel Units/Part. Saved, Size B		0	kWh/Participant	
	Avg. Non-Gas Fuel Units/Part. Saved, Size C		0	kWh/Participant	
	Avg. Additional Non-Gas Fuel Units/Part.Used, Size A		0	kWh/Participant	Avg. Additional Non-Gas Fuel Units/Part. Used will be used in the Participant Cost tests for the NGIA evaluation criteria.
	Avg. Additional Non-Gas Fuel Units/Part.Used, Size B		0	kWh/Participant	
	Avg. Additional Non-Gas Fuel Units/Part.Used, Size C		0	kWh/Participant	
<u>Calculations & Other Explanation:</u> Changes in electricity consumption for RNG production are already factored into Carbon Intensity through GREET calculations (avoiding double counting them here).					

TOTAL ANNUAL Dth SAVED		Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	
	Total Annual Dth Saved, Size A	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	Dth
	Total Annual Dth Saved, Size B	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	Dth
	Total Annual Dth Saved, Size C	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	Dth
<u>Calculations & Other Explanation:</u> Natural gas energy savings that result from multiplying savings per participant times the total number of new participants in a given year							

GRID MIX SCENARIO	Grid Mix Scenario	NREL	Select one of the listed grid mix scenarios taking into account that: <small>*Utilities shall use electric-utility-specific generation mix information for the renewable natural gas facility when it is reasonably available. When electric utility-specific information is not available, the firing gas utility will use a state-specific generation mix taken from National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL) Standard Scenarios. If the renewable natural gas facility is using a higher percentage of carbon-free electricity than is available by default from their electric utility, either from on-site generation, by subscription to a Commission-approved electric utility, or from other sources.</small>
	<u>Calculations & Other Explanation:</u>		

This section does not apply to all pilot types. The GHG changes from decreased natural gas and/or electricity consumption will be calculated based on values above. However, for pilots where NGIA requires lifecycle GHG savings (e.g. RNG, hydrogen, carbon capture) this section accounts for the lifecycle change in GHG emissions (per unit of participation).

LIFECYCLE GHG INTENSITY BY PROJECT SIZE	Lifecycle GHG Intensity Savings, Size A						kg CO2e/participant	Utilities shall file a high, low, and expected greenhouse gas intensity for innovative resources included in a proposed Natural Gas Innovation Act innovation (NGIA) plan, where applicable. High and low scenarios shall incorporate at least low and high assumptions for electricity use and other fuels used in the resource's lifecycle. Expected greenhouse gas intensity values will be used in cost-benefit calculations and when determining the expected greenhouse gas reduction of pilot programs and NGIA plans.																			
	Low																										
	Expected	53.11	53.11	53.11	53.11	53.11																					
	High						kg CO2e/participant																				
	Lifecycle GHG Intensity Savings, Size B						kg CO2e/participant																				
	Low																										
	Expected	53.11	53.11	53.11	53.11	53.11																					
	High						kg CO2e/participant																				
	Lifecycle GHG Intensity Savings, Size C						kg CO2e/participant																				
	Low																										
	Expected	53.11	53.11	53.11	53.11	53.11																					
	High						kg CO2e/participant																				
<small>For RNG pilots (where the units of participation are Dth of RNG purchased) the above values represent the lifecycle emission reduction achieved per Dth of RNG purchased (calculated as the difference between the carbon intensity score calculated from GREET for this pilot, vs. the GREET emission factor for geologic natural gas combustion).</small>																											
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GHG Intensity																											
Size A	Size B	Size C																									
kg CO2e/Dth																											
Low Scenario																											
Expected Scenario	13	13	13																								
High Scenario																											
Default Geologic Gas Emissions Factor		66.14			kg CO2e/Dth																						
RNG GHG factor, updated for grid mix factors 2025, 2030, and 2035		Pilot Lifetime Average	2024-2028 period, using 2025 grid mix	2029-2033 period, using 2030 grid mix	2034-2038 period, using 2035 grid mix	13.03	15.50	11.41	11.29																		

OTHER PILOT-SPECIFIC PARAMETERS (formerly General Parameters' in CIP Calculator):

PEAK REDUCTION FACTOR	Peak Reduction Factor	1%	The estimated average annual effect of the project on system peak. It is estimated to be 1% for energy efficiency pilots. The method for other innovative resources should be considered in the context of specific utility proposals. Peak Reduction Factor will be used in the Utility Cost and Non Participant Cost tests for the NGIA evaluation criteria.
	<u>Calculations & Other Explanation:</u>		

VARIABLE O&M	Values now linked directly back to planning assumptions tab (possible given the combination of formerly separate Exhibits P and N into a single file)						
	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:	
	\$ 0.05	\$ 0.04	\$ 0.04	\$ 0.04	\$ 0.04	per Dth	
Calculations & Other Explanation: The CIP methodology is used for energy efficiency. However, the value for other innovative resources should be considered in the context of specific utility proposals. For example, resources like power-to-hydrogen and RINQ may not decrease O&M costs as they also need to be transported to customers on the distribution system. Variable O&M will be used in the Utility Cost and Non-Participant Cost tests for the NGIA evaluation criteria. Note, to calculate this metric, you can make one cost estimate for year 1 and then use the escalation rate to estimate each Annual Escalation Rate calculated using the average percent change in the price of natural gas between 2023 through 2027 to all users in the West							
Escalation rate		n/a	-5.250%	-5.250%	-5.250%	-5.250%	((for each pilot analysis year)

NON-GAS FUEL COST	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:		The CIP methodology is used for all resources other than strategic electrification. The method for strategic electrification should be considered in the context of specific utility pilot proposals. equal to the average of daily real-time final market locational marginal prices (LMP) at the Minnesota Hub from January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022 using data from Midwest Independent System Operator (MISO)
	\$ 44.14	per MWh	
Calculations & Other Explanation:			

NON-GAS FUEL LOSS FACTOR	8.22%		The CIP methodology is used for all resources other than strategic electrification. The method for strategic electrification should be considered in the context of specific utility pilot proposals. In the most recent CIP, Staff used the weighted average of the most recent loss factors reported by Minnesota Power, Xcel Energy, and Otter Tail Power's reported 2021 transmission and distribution loss factors and weighting by the utilities' 2017-2019 average retail sales
	Calculations & Other Explanation:		

OTHER QUANTITATIVE CRITERIA:

OTHER NON-GHG POLLUTANTS	USD Cost Unit:		Generally no change from CIP methodology. The factor is calculated using the final environmental cost values approved by Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (Commission). The factors are reported in 2021 dollars in Table 2 below, which were calculated by inflating the Commission's approved dollar per ton environmental cost values using escalation rate to adjust by observed inflation between 2014 and 2021. Stakeholders expressed a preference for allowing utilities to select different externality values for pilots targeting specific geographies or populations. For example, an energy efficiency project that targets an urban area might use the urban value rather than the metropolitan fringe value. Similarly, a project targeting a low-income population might use a high value rather than the median. Utilities can make deviations such as these in their NGIA plans if they can provide justification for the change. Instead of requiring the use of median metropolitan fringe values for all non-GHG pollutants, as shown in Table 1 of the Commission's January 3, 2018 Order in Docket No. E0999/CJ-14-643, utilities may use the value most applicable for the pilot or measure.
	\$ 0.37	per Dth	
	\$ 0.37	per Dth	
	\$ 0.37	per Dth	
Calculations & Other Explanation:			

NET JOB CREATION	Year 1							Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Total during 5 program years	Remainder of project life	# of jobs	Utilities should consider both jobs created by proposed pilots and jobs that may be eliminated by proposed pilots.
	Net Direct Job Creation, Size A														
	Net Direct Job Creation, Size B														
	Net Direct Job Creation, Size C														
	Net Indirect Job Creation, Size A														
	Net Indirect Job Creation, Size B														
	Net Indirect Job Creation, Size C														
	Net Induced Job Creation, Size A														
	Net Induced Job Creation, Size B														
	Net Induced Job Creation, Size C														

PUBLIC CO-BENEFITS	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:	
	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year	
	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year	
	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year	
Calculations & Other Explanation: Quantifiable in some cases. If this metric isn't quantifiable, there is space for any qualitative comments in the Additional Qualitative Considerations section below.							

WATER POLLUTION, SIZE A WATER POLLUTION, SIZE B WATER POLLUTION, SIZE C	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:	
	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year	
	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year	
	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year	
The legislation left the door open to quantify any costs and benefits on water pollution. This might be quantifiable for some of the projects. Methodology is TBD. If this metric isn't quantifiable, there is space for any qualitative comments in the Additional Qualitative Considerations section below.							

WATER POLLUTION	<u>Calculations & Other Explanation:</u>	
		door open to quantify

ADDITIONAL QUALITATIVE CONSIDERATIONS:

<u>NGIA Utility Perspective Notes:</u>	<i>It is expected that most of the utility perspective costs and benefits will be quantifiable with and should be heavily informed by the structural values and CIP quantification methods.</i>	
<u>Definition:</u>		
<u>NGIA Participants' Perspective Notes:</u>	<i>It is expected that many of the elements of the participant perspective, with respect to the direct effect of pilots, will be quantifiable and will rely on the structural values. Add here any information related to some direct effects of pilots on participants that may not be easily quantifiable. For example, increased comfort in a home and health benefits from pilots that improve indoor air quality are two examples of benefits that may be difficult to quantify.</i>	
<u>Definition:</u>		
<u>NGIA Nonparticipating Customers' Perspective Notes:</u>	<i>As with the utility perspective, the direct effects of pilot programs on non-participating customers should be quantified in most cases and can be heavily informed by structural values.</i>	
<u>Definition:</u>	Provides widespread benefits to all sales customers	
<u>Effects on Other Energy Systems and Energy Security:</u>	<i>NGIA invites the Commission to consider how innovative resources fit into the energy system with a broader perspective than effects on the gas utility and its customers. Measures like strategic electrification specifically require gas utilities and the Commission to avoid negative effects on the electric system. Further, the NGIA empowers the Commission to consider a wide variety of "costs and benefits that may be expected under a plan" one of which is a reduction of reliance on imported resources and national fuel markets.</i>	
<u>Definition:</u>	Company will give preference to fuel made in MN that will reduce import from outside of MN	
<u>GHG Emissions Notes:</u>	<i>An innovation plan must include the total lifecycle GHG emissions that the utility projects will be reduced or avoided through implementing the plan. This benefit should be generally quantifiable using the Commission-approved GHG accounting framework and GHG externality values. Note that this row also calls for discussion of any environmental justice effects of the pilot related to GHG emissions, these may not be quantifiable.</i>	
<u>Definition:</u>		
<u>Other Pollution Notes:</u>	<i>Include any additional non-GHG environmental costs and benefits. For example, effects on water pollution that may not be quantifiable, or specific air quality benefits to a low income community. Note that this also calls for discussion of any environmental justice effects of the pilot related to non-GHG pollution.</i>	
<u>Definition:</u>		
<u>Waste Reduction and Reuse Notes:</u>	<i>Waste reduction, reuse, and anaerobic digestion are goals of the NGIA. Includes reduction of water use.</i>	
<u>Definition:</u>	wastewater projects make a useful product from waste	
<u>Policy Notes:</u>	<i>NGIA is intended to help the state achieve certain environmental policy goals including geologic gas throughput reduction and increased use of renewable resources.</i>	
<u>Definition:</u>	Reduces fossil gas throughput; increases use of renewable energy	

Net Job Creation

Notes:

Definition: An innovation plan must include, as applicable, "projected local job impacts resulting from implementation of the plan." Utilities should consider both jobs created by proposed pilots and jobs that may be eliminated by proposed pilots.

Economic

Development

Notes:

Definition: The Commission must make a finding that the innovation plan "promotes local economic development." Creation of jobs is a form of economic development, but economic development is broader. For example, pilots that pay workers a living wage or support apprenticeships or training opportunities would provide additional economic benefits.

Public Co-Benefits

Notes:

Definition: There may be public benefits for certain pilots. For example, the NGIA is intended to help support wastewater treatment and organics recycling. This category could also include odor effects on Minnesota communities – either reductions in unpleasant odors or increased odor problems.

Pilot would support wastewater treatment, which is often a public and publicly funded service

Market

Development

Notes:

Definition: The NGIA supports the development of new markets or expansion of markets in Minnesota. For example, utilities are required to describe whether proposed plans support the development of alternative agricultural products, as well as the geographic areas of the state where benefits are realized

Direct Innovation

Support Notes:

Definition: This category is intended to answer how the proposed pilot supports the development and increased deployment of innovative resources beyond the direct program impacts. For example, research and development projects, which are permitted under the NGIA,40 are unlikely to produce significant benefits on their own but are intended to lead to future opportunities.

Opportunity for Company to learn about purchasing RNG

Resource

Scalability and Role

in a Decarbonized

System Notes:

Definition:

While NGIA pilots may have small impacts in the near-term, stakeholders felt it was important for the Commission to consider the potential importance of each resource in a decarbonized energy system. The NGIA requires the Commission to consider changes to natural gas utility and regulatory policy structures needed to meet or exceed Minnesota's GHG reduction goals. NGIA pilots should provide valuable information to the Commission as it considers the energy future of the state.

Realistic pathways to decarbonization include RNG



CNPO4 – RNG Archetype – Dairy Manure

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Pilot Project Code:	CNPO4
Pilot Project Name:	RNG Archetype – Dairy Manure
Customer Class/ Sector:	C&I & Res
Low-Income Community Benefit?	N
Target Area:	Territory-wide
Primary Innovative Resource Category:	Renewable Natural Gas (RNG)

Select primary Innovation Category. Others can be listed here:

Pilot Description:

For Pilots 3-6, the "RNG Archetypes", CenterPoint Energy would purchase RNG – including the commodity and environmental attributes – from multiple RNG producers that have developed RNG projects using a variety of feedstocks. CNP may also support RNG project development by directly investing in the biogas upgrading equipment (required to produce pipeline-quality RNG) for a limited number of RNG projects, to reduce developers' required capital. We have developed an estimate of expected carbon intensity for each type of feedstock to inform our analysis of potential GHG reductions from a portfolio of RNG purchases.

Overview of Program/ Implementation Approach:

CenterPoint Energy would likely issue a request for proposals (RFP) from RNG project developers. The RFP process would help CenterPoint Energy to maximize cost-effectiveness by building a portfolio of RNG purchases from a variety of projects and under customized contract terms.

Other Comments / Information:

For the purposes of this analysis, assumes offtake from developer or other entity, not capital investment from CNP.

KEY PILOT-SPECIFIC INPUTS:

Pilot Year

Calendar Year

Participating Units, Size A

Participating Units, Size B

Participating Units, Size C

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5
Calendar Year	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028
Participating Units, Size A		10,000			
Participating Units, Size B		20,000			
Participating Units, Size C		100,000			

Dekatherms of gas purchased as offtake in single year. Incremental units added, annual (not cumulative).

Note: this represents the annual RNG (Dth/year) that will be purchased through a multi-year agreement (project life defined below) starting in this year.

Calculations & Other Explanation:

Units above are to annual dekatherms of RNG supply (shown only for the year supply contract starts)
 Sizes are placeholder assumptions to show a range of RNG purchase volumes (NGIA rules require at least half of the budget to be for low-carbon fuels, like RNG and Hydrogen).

Cumulative RNG Supply (Dth/year), Size A
 Cumulative RNG Supply (Dth/year), Size B
 Cumulative RNG Supply (Dth/year), Size C

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5
Cumulative RNG Supply (Dth/year), Size A	-	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000
Cumulative RNG Supply (Dth/year), Size B	-	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000
Cumulative RNG Supply (Dth/year), Size C	-	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000

Assumed Number of GHG Verifications Required, Size A:
 Assumed Number of GHG Verifications Required, Size B:
 Assumed Number of GHG Verifications Required, Size C:

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5
Assumed Number of GHG Verifications Required, Size A:	0	1	1	1	1
Assumed Number of GHG Verifications Required, Size B:	0	2	2	2	2
Assumed Number of GHG Verifications Required, Size C:	0	3	3	3	3

2 Uncertain how many RNG projects would be needed, conservatively assuming multiple verifications.
 3 Uncertain how many RNG projects would be needed, conservatively assuming multiple verifications.

Annual Total Utility Incremental Cost, Size A
 Annual Total Utility Incremental Cost, Size B
 Annual Total Utility Incremental Cost, Size C

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:
Annual Total Utility Incremental Cost, Size A	\$ 12,250	\$ 493,742	\$ 502,477	\$ 505,283	\$ 507,974	total cost per year
Annual Total Utility Incremental Cost, Size B	\$ 12,250	\$ 978,613	\$ 991,958	\$ 997,180	\$ 1,002,160	total cost per year
Annual Total Utility Incremental Cost, Size C	\$ 12,250	\$ 4,630,497	\$ 4,662,807	\$ 4,687,356	\$ 4,710,649	total cost per year

These incremental utility costs are what will count against the NGIA budget cap for this measure and will be used in the Utility Cost, and Non-Participant Cost tests for the NGIA evaluation criteria. This is the sum of utility admin costs to run pilot, any incentive funding to support project deployment, and/or the utility's annual revenue requirement for capital investments made on select pilots.

Fixed O&M Cost, Size A
 Fixed O&M Cost, Size B
 Fixed O&M Cost, Size C

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:
Fixed O&M Cost, Size A	\$ 12,250	\$ 493,742	\$ 502,477	\$ 505,283	\$ 507,974	total cost per year
Fixed O&M Cost, Size B	\$ 12,250	\$ 978,613	\$ 991,958	\$ 997,180	\$ 1,002,160	total cost per year
Fixed O&M Cost, Size C	\$ 12,250	\$ 4,630,497	\$ 4,662,807	\$ 4,687,356	\$ 4,710,649	total cost per year

Fixed O&M Cost is the result of adding up Total Project Delivery, Advertising and Promotions, Utility Administration, Trade Ally Incentives, and Workforce Development of Market Transformation Cost

Total Project Delivery, Size A
 Total Project Delivery, Size B
 Total Project Delivery, Size C

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:
Total Project Delivery, Size A	\$ 12,250	\$ 493,427	\$ 502,477	\$ 505,283	\$ 507,974	per year
Total Project Delivery, Size B	\$ 12,250	\$ 978,420	\$ 991,958	\$ 997,180	\$ 1,002,160	per year
Total Project Delivery, Size C	\$ 12,250	\$ 4,630,219	\$ 4,662,807	\$ 4,687,356	\$ 4,710,649	per year

Total internal and external project delivery

Internal Project Delivery, Size A
 Internal Project Delivery, Size B
 Internal Project Delivery, Size C

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:
Internal Project Delivery, Size A	\$ 12,250	\$ 4,996	\$ 12,996	\$ 13,386	\$ 13,787	per year
Internal Project Delivery, Size B	\$ 12,250	\$ 3,058	\$ 12,996	\$ 13,386	\$ 13,787	per year
Internal Project Delivery, Size C	\$ 12,250	\$ 4,406	\$ 12,996	\$ 13,386	\$ 13,787	per year

CNP staff. These costs are sub-set of the Utility "Fixed O&M Cost" category above.

External Project Delivery, Size A
 External Project Delivery, Size B
 External Project Delivery, Size C

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:
External Project Delivery, Size A	\$ -	\$ 488,431	\$ 489,481	\$ 491,897	\$ 494,186	per year
External Project Delivery, Size B	\$ -	\$ 975,363	\$ 978,962	\$ 983,794	\$ 988,372	per year
External Project Delivery, Size C	\$ -	\$ 4,625,813	\$ 4,649,811	\$ 4,673,970	\$ 4,696,862	per year

External vendor costs would include direct install costs where CNP reimburses the vendor. These costs are sub-set of the Utility "Fixed O&M Cost" category above.

Advertising and Promotions, Size A
 Advertising and Promotions, Size B
 Advertising and Promotions, Size C

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:
Advertising and Promotions, Size A	\$ -	\$ 315	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year
Advertising and Promotions, Size B	\$ -	\$ 193	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year
Advertising and Promotions, Size C	\$ -	\$ 278	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year

These costs are sub-set of the Utility "Fixed O&M Cost" category above.

Allocation of General Portfolio Costs, Size A
 Allocation of General Portfolio Costs, Size B
 Allocation of General Portfolio Costs, Size C

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:
Allocation of General Portfolio Costs, Size A						per year
Allocation of General Portfolio Costs, Size B						per year
Allocation of General Portfolio Costs, Size C						per year

Share of portfolio level costs, including plan development costs, regulatory costs, and general portfolio costs

Trade Ally Incentives, Size A
 Trade Ally Incentives, Size B
 Trade Ally Incentives, Size C

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:
Trade Ally Incentives, Size A	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year
Trade Ally Incentives, Size B	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year
Trade Ally Incentives, Size C	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year

If applicable, include here the annual amount of trade ally incentives (e.g. midstream program)

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:
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UTILITY PILOT COSTS

Workforce Development or Market Transformation Cost, Size A
 Workforce Development or Market Transformation Cost, Size B
 Workforce Development or Market Transformation Cost, Size C

\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	per year
\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	per year
\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	per year

These costs are sub-set of the Utility "Fixed O&M Cost" category above.

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:	
Other Fixed O&M Cost, Size A	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	per year
Other Fixed O&M Cost, Size B	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	per year
Other Fixed O&M Cost, Size C	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	per year

These costs are sub-set of the Utility "Fixed O&M Cost" category above.

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:	
Total utility capital investment, Size A	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	per year
Total utility capital investment, Size B	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	per year
Total utility capital investment, Size C	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	per year

This tracks expectations for when this pilot would require capital investments from the utility, if applicable. This will not directly feed into the incremental costs for NGIA, but instead will be used to estimate the timing and level of annual revenue requirement resulting from these capital investments (shown below).

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:	
Est. Annual Revenue Requirement for Capital Projects, Size A	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	per year
Est. Annual Revenue Requirement for Capital Projects, Size B	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	per year
Est. Annual Revenue Requirement for Capital Projects, Size C	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	per year

For capital projects, the incremental cost impact on the NGIA budget is the annual revenue requirement (return of and on capital additions), as well as the utility "Fixed O&M Costs" captured above. This revenue requirement is calculated from the magnitude & timing of capital investment captured above, based on expected measure life (and depreciation time period), as well as the utility's return on investment.

Total	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:
\$	- per year
\$	- per year
\$	- per year

The total revenue requirement is calculated from the magnitude & timing of total capital investment captured above, based on expected measure life (and depreciation time period), as well as the utility's return on investment. This cost is noted here for reference, it's not used to calculate any of the NGIA evaluation criteria.

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:	
Incentives, Size A	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	per year
Incentives, Size B	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	per year
Incentives, Size C	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	per year

This tracks total incentives paid directly to customers (customer rebates like money, gift cards or other fungible payments, etc.) Do not include here cost of customer benefits delivered directly to the customer by a program vendor (paying for the cost of energy/GHG audits or direct (total measures), or making a capital investment in a customer's project where the customer doesn't hold equipment ownership. Incentives will be used in the Participant Cost tests for the NGIA evaluation criteria.

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:	
Incentives per Participant, Size A	#DIV/0!	\$	-	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	per participant per year
Incentives per Participant, Size B	#DIV/0!	\$	-	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	per participant per year
Incentives per Participant, Size C	#DIV/0!	\$	-	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	per participant per year

Incentives per participant is a function of total incentives paid directly to customers.

Calculations & Other Explanation:

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	
RNG Contract Purchase Cost:	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	per Dth (1 Dth = 1 MMBtu)
Geologic Gas Cost:	\$ 5.13	\$ 4.86	\$ 4.60	\$ 4.36	\$ 4.13	per Dth
Incremental Fuel Cost:	\$ 44.87	\$ 45.14	\$ 45.40	\$ 45.64	\$ 45.87	per Dth
Incremental Fuel Cost - Average over Contract Life (based on contract start year):	\$ 45.63	\$ 45.73	\$ 45.80	\$ 45.85	\$ 45.87	per Dth
M-RETS RTC On-going Registration Costs:	\$0.05 \$/Dth, for all Dth produced each year					
M-RETS RTC Upfront Registration Costs:	\$1,500 One time upfront					
Project Verification Costs:	\$35,000 \$/year Green-E or other cost for project GHG verification					

Note - in original Exhibit N these were based on a fixed value for Year 1, but in this combined file they have been linked to the 'Planning Assumptions' from Exhibit P so that commodity price updates are automatically reflected here. This formula also corrects the mistake CenterPoint Energy reported, about using Year 0 commodity costs for RNG Year 1 Commodity costs in the original filing.
 Basing costs to CNP on the incremental cost, since RNG offtake contracts will reduce the volumes of geologic gas that Assumes Incremental Cost from year 5 is unchanged for remaining years of supply contract.

TOTAL AND DIRECT PARTICIPANT PILOT COSTS

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:
Total Pilot Upfront Costs, Size A	\$ 456	\$ 457	\$ 458	\$ 458	\$ 459	per participant
Total Pilot Upfront Costs, Size B	\$ 456	\$ 457	\$ 458	\$ 458	\$ 459	per participant
Total Pilot Upfront Costs, Size C	\$ 456	\$ 457	\$ 458	\$ 458	\$ 459	per participant

This represents the total equipment and installation costs for technologies implemented as part of this pilot (specifically non-utility capital projects that were captured separately above). This cost does not account for what portion of costs may be covered by utility incentives, nor include utility program admin costs.

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:	
Third Party Funding, Size A	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	per participant
Third Party Funding, Size B	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	per participant
Third Party Funding, Size C	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	per participant

If there are expectations for external funding sources (e.g. IRA, etc.) account for those values here. This funding is noted here for reference, it's not used to calculate any of the NGIA evaluation criteria.

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:	
Direct Participant Pilot Costs, Size A	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	per participant
Direct Participant Pilot Costs, Size B	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	per participant
Direct Participant Pilot Costs, Size C	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	per participant

This represents the upfront costs to participants who participate in this pilot. This is a calculated value, where utility incentives are subtracted from the total upfront project costs. Direct Participant Pilot costs will be used in the Participant Cost tests for the NGIA evaluation criteria. Note some pilots taking a 'Direct Install' approach may see the utility covering all costs, with no upfront financial contribution from the participant.

Calculations & Other Explanation:

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	
Escalation rate	3.82%	3.82%	3.82%	3.82%	3.82%	(for each pilot analysis year)

For an escalation rate, we use the average of the 12-month percentage change in the "all items" consumer price index available from the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics, as reported in December for each of the last five years. Using the most recently available data.

PARTICIPANT NON-ENERGY COSTS

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:	
Participant Non-Energy Costs, Size A	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	per participant per year of pilot life
Participant Non-Energy Costs, Size B	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	per participant per year of pilot life
Participant Non-Energy Costs, Size C	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	per participant per year of pilot life

This includes any increased in costs like equipment operating costs or increased water costs. Participant Non-Energy Costs will be used in the Participant Cost tests for the NGIA evaluation criteria.

Calculations & Other Explanation:

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	
Escalation rate	3.82%	3.82%	3.82%	3.82%	3.82%	(for each pilot analysis year)

For an escalation rate, we use the average of the 12-month percentage change in the "all items" consumer price index available from the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics, as reported in December for each of the last five years. Using the most recently available data.

PARTICIPANT NON-ENERGY SAVINGS

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:	
Participant Non-Energy Savings, Size A	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	per participant per year of pilot life
Participant Non-Energy Savings, Size B	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	per participant per year of pilot life
Participant Non-Energy Savings, Size C	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	per participant per year of pilot life

This includes any operating savings like water savings.

Calculations & Other Explanation:

PILOT LIFE	Average Lifetime for Savings/Pilot Tech, Size A		10	years									
	Average Lifetime for Savings/Pilot Tech, Size B		10	years									
	Average Lifetime for Savings/Pilot Tech, Size C		10	years									
	<u>Calculations & Other Explanation:</u>												
NATURAL GAS ENERGY SAVINGS: AVG. Dth/ PARTICIPANT SAVED	Avg. Dth/Participant Saved, Size A		0	Dth/Participant									
	Avg. Dth/Participant Saved, Size B		0	Dth/Participant									
	Avg. Dth/Participant Saved, Size C		0	Dth/Participant									
	<u>Calculations & Other Explanation:</u> Changes in natural gas consumption for RNG production are already factored into Carbon Intensity through GREET calculations (avoiding double counting them here).												
AVG. NON-GAS FUEL UNITS/ PART.	Avg. Non-Gas Fuel Units/Part. Saved, Size A		0	kWh/Participant									
	Avg. Non-Gas Fuel Units/Part. Saved, Size B		0	kWh/Participant									
	Avg. Non-Gas Fuel Units/Part. Saved, Size C		0	kWh/Participant									
	<i>Units are kWh; could technically be other non-NG. Avg. Non-Gas Fuel Units/Part. Saved will be used in the Participant Cost tests for the NGIA evaluation criteria.</i>												
	Avg. Additional Non-Gas Fuel Units/Part.Used, Size A		0	kWh/Participant									
	Avg. Additional Non-Gas Fuel Units/Part.Used, Size B		0	kWh/Participant									
	Avg. Additional Non-Gas Fuel Units/Part.Used, Size C		0	kWh/Participant									
	<i>Avg. Additional Non-Gas Fuel Units/Part. Used will be used in the Participant Cost tests for the NGIA evaluation criteria.</i>												
	<u>Calculations & Other Explanation:</u> Changes in electricity consumption for RNG production are already factored into Carbon Intensity through GREET calculations (avoiding double counting them here).												
TOTAL ANNUAL Dth SAVED	Total Annual Dth Saved, Size A	Year 1	0.00	Year 2	0.00	Year 3	0.00	Year 4	0.00	Year 5	0.00	Dth	
	Total Annual Dth Saved, Size B		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00	Dth	
	Total Annual Dth Saved, Size C		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00	Dth	
	<u>Calculations & Other Explanation:</u> Natural gas energy savings that result from multiplying savings per participant times the total number of new participants in a given year												
GRID MIX SCENARIO	Grid Mix Scenario	NREL		<i>Select one of the listed grid mix scenarios taking into account that:</i>									
	<u>Calculations & Other Explanation:</u>	<i>*Utilities shall use electric-utility-specific generation mix information for the renewable natural gas facility when it is reasonably available. When electric utility-specific information is not available, the filing gas utility will use a state-specific generation mix taken from National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL) Standard Scenarios. If the scenario selected as a facility value is higher percentage of carbon free electricity, this is available to default from this default utility value for the scenario. In subsequent scenarios, please use the scenario selected.</i>											
LIFECYCLE GHG INTENSITY BY PROJECT SIZE	This section does not apply to all pilot types. The GHG changes from decreased natural gas and/or electricity consumption will be calculated based on values above. However, for pilots where NGIA requires lifecycle GHG savings (e.g. RNG, hydrogen, carbon capture) this section accounts for the lifecycle change in GHG emissions (per unit of participation).												
	Lifecycle GHG Intensity Savings, Size A	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5							
	Low						kg CO2e/participant						
	Expected	98.95	98.95	98.95	98.95	98.95	kg CO2e/participant						
	High						kg CO2e/participant						
	Lifecycle GHG Intensity Savings, Size B	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5							
	Low						kg CO2e/participant						
	Expected	98.95	98.95	98.95	98.95	98.95	kg CO2e/participant						
	High						kg CO2e/participant						
	Lifecycle GHG Intensity Savings, Size C	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5							
Low						kg CO2e/participant							
Expected	98.95	98.95	98.95	98.95	98.95	kg CO2e/participant							
High						kg CO2e/participant							
	<i>For RNG pilots (where the units of participation are Dth of RNG purchased) the above values represent the lifecycle emission reduction achieved per Dth of RNG purchase (calculated as the difference between the carbon intensity score calculated from GREET for this pilot, vs. the GREET emission factor for geologic natural gas combustion).</i>												
	<u>Calculations & Other Explanation:</u>												
		GHG Intensity											
		Size A	Size B	Size C	<i>These values represent the carbon intensity for this project/archetype, as calculated by ICF using GREET. Some default assumptions from GREET have been updated to better reflect typical expectations for RNG projects in Minnesota (e.g. GHG intensity of electricity supply), use of combined heat and power on-site vs. grid electricity, etc.</i>								
		kg CO2e/Dth			<i>Note that carbon intensities will vary by project, and GREET calculations will be required for specific projects as they are chosen (based on assumed project designs, and later updated for actual operating conditions).</i>								
	Low Scenario				<i>Also note that GREET's rules for carbon accounting (which NGIA legislation requires CenterPoint to follow) differ from California's Low-Carbon Fuel Standard (LCFS) in a number of areas, meaning that these scores can look quite different than California LCFS Carbon Intensity scores.</i>								
	Expected Scenario	(33)	(33)	(33)									
	High Scenario												
	Default Geologic Gas Emissions Factor	kg CO2e/Dth			66.14								
	RNG GHG factor, updated for grid mix factors 2025, 2030, and 2035	Pilot Lifetime Average	2024-2028 period, using 2025 grid mix	2029-2033 period, using 2030 grid mix	2034-2038 period, using 2035 grid mix								
		kg CO2e/Dth	-32.81	-27.70	-36.17	-36.41							
OTHER PILOT-SPECIFIC PARAMETERS (formerly 'General Parameters' in CIP Calculator):													
PEAK REDUCTION FACTOR	Peak Reduction Factor	1% <i>The estimated average annual effect of the project on system peak. It is estimated to be 1% for energy efficiency pilots. The method for other innovative resources should be considered in the context of specific utility proposals. Peak Reduction Factor will be used in the Utility Cost and Non Participant Cost tests for the NGIA evaluation criteria.</i>											
	<u>Calculations & Other Explanation:</u>												

VARIABLE O&M	Values now linked directly back to planning assumptions tab (possible given the combination of formerly separate Exhibits P and N into a single file)						
	Variable O&M Cost, Applies to all project sizes	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:
		\$ 0.05	\$ 0.04	\$ 0.04	\$ 0.04	\$ 0.04	per Dth
<u>Calculations & Other Explanation:</u>							
	Escalation rate	n/a	-5.250%	-5.250%	-5.250%	-5.250%	(for each pilot analysis year)

The CIP methodology is used for energy efficiency. However, the value for other innovative resources should be considered in the context of specific utility proposals. For example, resources like power-to-hydrogen and RNG may not decrease O&M costs as they also need to be transported to customers on the distribution system. Variable O&M will be used in the Utility Cost and Non-Participant Cost tests for the NGA evaluation criteria.
 Annual Escalation Rate calculated using the average percent change in the price of natural gas between 2023 through 2027 to all users in the West

NON-GAS FUEL COST	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:	
	Non-Gas (i.e., Electric) Fuel Cost	\$ 44.14 per MWh
	<u>Calculations & Other Explanation:</u>	

The CIP methodology is used for all resources other than strategic electrification. The method for strategic electrification should be considered in the context of specific utility pilot proposals. equal to the average of daily real-time final market locational marginal prices (LMP) at the Minnesota Hub from January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022 using data from Midwest Independent System Operator (MISO)

NON-GAS FUEL LOSS FACTOR	Non-Gas Fuel Loss Factor	8.22%
	<u>Calculations & Other Explanation:</u>	

The CIP methodology is used for all resources other than strategic electrification. The method for strategic electrification should be considered in the context of specific utility pilot proposals. In the most recent CIP, Staff used the weighted average of the most recent loss factors reported by Minnesota Power, Xcel Energy, and Otter Tail Power's reported 2021 transmission and distribution loss factors and weighting by the utilities' 2017-2018 average retail sales

OTHER QUANTITATIVE CRITERIA:

OTHER NON-GHG POLLUTANTS	USD Cost Unit:		<u>Calculations & Other Explanation:</u>
	Other Non-GHG Pollutants, Size A	\$ 0.37 per Dth	
	Other Non-GHG Pollutants, Size B	\$ 0.37 per Dth	
	Other Non-GHG Pollutants, Size C	\$ 0.37 per Dth	

Generally no change from CIP methodology. The factor is calculated using the final environmental cost values approved by Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (Commission). The factors are reported in 2021 dollars in Table 2 below, which were calculated by inflating the Commission's approved dollar per ton environmental cost values using escalation rate to adjust by observed inflation between 2014 and 2021. Stakeholders expressed a preference for allowing utilities to select different externality values for pilots targeting specific geographies or populations. For example, an energy efficiency project that targets an urban area might use the urban value rather than the metropolitan fringe value. Similarly, a project targeting a low-income population might use a high value rather than the median. Utilities can make deviations such as these in their NGA plans if they can provide justification for the change. Instead of requiring the use of median metropolitan fringe values for all non-GHG pollutants, as shown in Table 1 of the Commission's January 3, 2018 Order in Docket No. E0899/C1-14-643, utilities may use the value most applicable for the pilot or measure.

NET JOB CREATION	Net Direct Job Creation, Size A								# of jobs	Utilities should consider both jobs created by proposed pilots and jobs that may be eliminated by proposed pilots.
	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Total during 5 program years	Remainder of project life			
	0	1	1	1	1	3	4			
	Net Direct Job Creation, Size B								# of jobs	
	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Total during 5 program years	Remainder of project life			
	0	1	1	1	1	5	8			
	Net Direct Job Creation, Size C								# of jobs	
	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Total during 5 program years	Remainder of project life			
	0	6	6	5	5	22	38			
	Net Indirect Job Creation, Size A								# of jobs	Utilities should consider both jobs created by proposed pilots and jobs that may be eliminated by proposed pilots.
Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Total during 5 program years	Remainder of project life				
0	2	1	1	1	6	9				
Net Indirect Job Creation, Size B								# of jobs		
Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Total during 5 program years	Remainder of project life				
0	3	3	3	3	11	18				
Net Indirect Job Creation, Size C								# of jobs		
Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Total during 5 program years	Remainder of project life				
0	13	13	12	12	51	87				
Net Induced Job Creation, Size A								# of jobs		
Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Total during 5 program years	Remainder of project life				
0	1	1	1	1	3	5				

PUBLIC CO-BENEFITS	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:						
	Public Co-Benefits, Size A	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	
		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year
	Public Co-Benefits, Size B	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	
		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year
<u>Calculations & Other Explanation:</u>							

Quantifiable in some cases. If this metric isn't quantifiable, there is space for any qualitative comments in the Additional Qualitative Considerations section below.

WATER POLLUTION	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:						
	Water Pollution, Size A	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	
		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year
	Water Pollution, Size B	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	
		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year
<u>Calculations & Other Explanation:</u>							

The legislation left the door open to quantify any costs and benefits on water pollution. This might be quantifiable for some of the projects. If this metric isn't quantifiable, there is space for any qualitative comments in the Additional Qualitative Considerations section below.

ADDITIONAL QUALITATIVE CONSIDERATIONS:

NGIA Utility Perspective Notes:	Definition:	
	Definition:	
NGIA Participants' Perspective Notes:	Definition:	
	Definition:	

It is expected that most of the utility perspective costs and benefits will be quantifiable with and should be heavily informed by the structural values and CIP quantification methods.

It is expected that many of the elements of the participant perspective, with respect to the direct effect of pilots, will be quantifiable and will rely on the structural values. Add here any information related to some direct effects of pilots on participants that may not be easily quantifiable. For example, increased comfort in a home and health benefits from pilots that improve indoor air quality are two examples of benefits that may be difficult to quantify.

NGIA

Nonparticipating Customers

Perspective Notes:

As with the utility perspective, the direct effects of pilot programs on non-participating customers should be quantified in most cases and can be heavily informed by structural values.

Definition:

Provides widespread benefits to all sales customers

Effects on Other

Energy Systems

and Energy

Security:

Definition:

NGIA invites the Commission to consider how innovative resources fit into the energy system with a broader perspective than effects on the gas utility and its customers. Measures like strategic electrification specifically require gas utilities and the Commission to avoid negative effects on the electric system. Further, the NGIA empowers the Commission to consider a wide variety of "costs and benefits that may be expected under a plan," one of which is a reduction of reliance on imported resources and national fuel markets.

Company will give preference to fuel made in MN that will reduce import from outside of MN

GHG Emissions

Notes:

Definition: An innovation plan must include the total lifecycle GHG emissions that the utility projects will be reduced or avoided through implementing the plan. This benefit should be generally quantifiable using the Commission-approved GHG accounting framework and GHG externality values. Note that this row also calls for discussion of any environmental justice effects of the pilot related to GHG emissions, these may not be quantifiable.

Other Pollution

Notes:

Definition:

Include any additional non-GHG environmental costs and benefits. For example, effects on water pollution that may not be quantifiable, or specific air quality benefits to a low income community. Note that this also calls for discussion of any environmental justice effects of the pilot related to non-GHG pollution.

Dairy manure projects can have local water quality, odor benefits

Waste Reduction

and Reuse Notes:

Waste reduction, reuse, and anaerobic digestion are goals of the NGIA. Includes

Definition:

reduction of water use.

dairy projects all make a useful product from waste

Policy Notes:

NGIA is intended to help the state achieve certain environmental policy goals

Definition:

including geologic gas throughput reduction and increased use of renewable resources.

Reduces fossil gas throughput; increases use of renewable energy

Net Job Creation

Notes:

An innovation plan must include, as applicable, "projected local job impacts

Definition:

resulting from implementation of the plan." Utilities should consider both jobs created by proposed pilots and jobs that may be eliminated by proposed pilots.

Economic

Development

Notes:

Definition:

The Commission must make a finding that the innovation plan "promotes local economic development." Creation of jobs is a form of economic development, but economic development is broader. For example, pilots that pay workers a living wage or support apprenticeships or training opportunities would provide additional economic benefits.

Public Co-Benefits

Notes:

Definition:

There may be public benefits for certain pilots. For example, the NGIA is intended to help support wastewater treatment and organics recycling. This category could also include odor effects on Minnesota communities – either reductions in unpleasant odors or increased odor problems.

Market

Development

Notes:

Definition:

The NGIA supports the development of new markets or expansion of markets in Minnesota. For example, utilities are required to describe whether proposed plans support the development of alternative agricultural products, as well as the geographic areas of the state where benefits are realized

Direct Innovation

Support Notes:

Definition: This category is intended to answer how the proposed pilot supports the development and increased deployment of innovative resources beyond the direct program impacts. For example, research and development projects, which are permitted under the NGIA.40 are unlikely to produce significant benefits on their own but are intended to lead to future opportunities.

Opportunity for Company to learn about purchasing RNG

Resource

Scalability and Role

in a Decarbonized

System Notes:

Definition: While NGIA pilots may have small impacts in the near-term, stakeholders felt it was important for the Commission to consider the potential importance of each resource in a decarbonized energy system. The NGIA requires the Commission to consider changes to natural gas utility and regulatory policy structures needed to meet or exceed Minnesota's GHG reduction goals. NGIA pilots should provide valuable information to the Commission as it considers the energy future of the state.

Realistic pathways to decarbonization include RNG



CNP05 – RNG Archetype – Food Waste

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DESCRIPTION	Pilot Project Code:	CNP05	
	Pilot Project Name:	RNG Archetype – Food Waste	
	Customer Class/ Sector:	C&I & Res	
	Low-Income Community Benefit?	N	
	Target Area:	Territory-wide	
	Primary Innovative Resource Category:	Renewable Natural Gas (RNG)	
	Select primary Innovation Category. Others can be listed here:		
	Pilot Description:		
	For Pilots 3-6, the "RNG Archetypes", CenterPoint Energy would purchase RNG – including the commodity and environmental attributes – from multiple RNG producers that have developed RNG projects using a variety of feedstocks. CNP may also support RNG project development by directly investing in the biogas upgrading equipment (required to produce pipeline-quality RNG) for a limited number of RNG projects, to reduce developers' required capital. We have developed an estimate of expected carbon intensity for each type of feedstock to inform our analysis of potential GHG reductions from a portfolio of RNG purchases.		
	Overview of Program / Implementation Approach:		
CenterPoint Energy would likely issue a request for proposals (RFP) from RNG project developers. The RFP process would help CenterPoint Energy to maximize cost-effectiveness by building a portfolio of RNG purchases from a variety of projects and under customized contract terms.			
Other Comments / Information:			
For the purposes of this analysis, assumes offtake from developer or other entity, not capital investment from CNP.			

KEY PILOT-SPECIFIC INPUTS:

NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS	Pilot Year					
	Calendar Year					
	Participating Units, Size A		10,000			
	Participating Units, Size B		220,000			
	Participating Units, Size C		500,000			
	Calculations & Other Explanation:					
	Units above are to annual dekatherms of RNG supply (shown only for the year supply contract starts)					
	Sizes are placeholder assumptions to show a range of RNG purchase volumes (NGIA rules require at least half of the budget to be for low-carbon fuels, like RNG and Hydrogen).					
		Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5
	Cumulative RNG Supply (Dth/year), Size A	-	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000
Cumulative RNG Supply (Dth/year), Size B	-	220,000	220,000	220,000	220,000	
Cumulative RNG Supply (Dth/year), Size C	-	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000	
Assumed Number of GHG Verifications Required, Size A:	0	1	1	1	1	
Assumed Number of GHG Verifications Required, Size B:	0	2	2	2	2	
Assumed Number of GHG Verifications Required, Size C:	0	3	3	3	3	

ANNUAL TOTAL UTILITY INCREMENTAL COST, SIZE A		Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:			
	Annual Total Utility Incremental Cost, Size A	\$ 12,250	\$ 233,742	\$ 242,477	\$ 245,283	\$ 247,974	total cost per year	These incremental utility costs are what will count against the NGIA budget cap for this measure and will be used in the Utility Cost, and Non Participant Cost tests for the NGIA evaluation criteria. This is the sum of utility admin costs to run pilot, any incentive funding to support project deployment, and/or the utility's annual revenue requirement for capital investments made on select pilots.		
	Annual Total Utility Incremental Cost, Size B	\$ 12,250	\$ 4,329,744	\$ 4,361,580	\$ 4,415,121	\$ 4,465,883	total cost per year			
	Annual Total Utility Incremental Cost, Size C	\$ 12,250	\$ 9,726,484	\$ 9,842,051	\$ 9,963,238	\$ 10,078,095	total cost per year			
	FIXED O&M COST, SIZE A		Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:		
		Fixed O&M Cost, Size A	\$ 12,250	\$ 233,742	\$ 242,477	\$ 245,283	\$ 247,974	total cost per year	Fixed O&M Cost is the result of adding up Total Project Delivery, Advertising and Promotions, Utility Administration, Trade Ally Incentives, and Workforce Development of Market Transformation Cost	
		Fixed O&M Cost, Size B	\$ 12,250	\$ 4,329,744	\$ 4,361,580	\$ 4,415,121	\$ 4,465,883	total cost per year		
		Fixed O&M Cost, Size C	\$ 12,250	\$ 9,726,484	\$ 9,842,051	\$ 9,963,238	\$ 10,078,095	total cost per year		
		TOTAL PROJECT DELIVERY, SIZE A		Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:	
			Total Project Delivery, Size A	\$ 12,250	\$ 233,427	\$ 242,477	\$ 245,283	\$ 247,974	per year	Total internal and external project delivery
Total Project Delivery, Size B			\$ 12,250	\$ 4,327,623	\$ 4,361,580	\$ 4,415,121	\$ 4,465,883	per year		
Total Project Delivery, Size C			\$ 12,250	\$ 9,725,095	\$ 9,842,051	\$ 9,963,238	\$ 10,078,095	per year		
INTERNAL PROJECT DELIVERY, SIZE A				Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:	
			Internal Project Delivery, Size A	\$ 12,250	\$ 4,996	\$ 12,996	\$ 13,386	\$ 13,787	per year	CNP staff. These costs are sub-set of the Utility "Fixed O&M Cost" category above.
	Internal Project Delivery, Size B		\$ 12,250	\$ 33,635	\$ 12,996	\$ 13,386	\$ 13,787	per year		
	Internal Project Delivery, Size C		\$ 12,250	\$ 22,031	\$ 12,996	\$ 13,386	\$ 13,787	per year		
	EXTERNAL PROJECT DELIVERY, SIZE A			Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:	
			External Project Delivery, Size A	\$ -	\$ 228,431	\$ 229,481	\$ 231,897	\$ 234,186	per year	External vendor costs would include direct install costs where CNP reimburses the vendor. These costs are sub-set of the Utility "Fixed O&M Cost" category above.
		External Project Delivery, Size B	\$ -	\$ 4,293,988	\$ 4,348,584	\$ 4,401,735	\$ 4,452,095	per year		
		External Project Delivery, Size C	\$ -	\$ 9,703,064	\$ 9,829,055	\$ 9,949,852	\$ 10,064,308	per year		
		ADVERTISING AND PROMOTIONS, SIZE A		Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:	
			Advertising and Promotions, Size A	\$ -	\$ 315	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year	These costs are sub-set of the Utility "Fixed O&M Cost" category above.
Advertising and Promotions, Size B			\$ -	\$ 2,120	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year		
Advertising and Promotions, Size C			\$ -	\$ 1,389	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year		
ALLOCATION OF GENERAL PORTFOLIO COSTS, SIZE A				Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:	
			Allocation of General Portfolio Costs, Size A						per year	Share of portfolio level costs, including plan development costs, regulatory costs, and general portfolio costs
	Allocation of General Portfolio Costs, Size B							per year		

UTILITY PILOT COSTS	Allocation of General Portfolio Costs, Size C										per year		
		Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:						
	Trade Ally Incentives, Size A	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year					If applicable, include here the annual amount of trade ally incentives (e.g. midstream program)	
	Trade Ally Incentives, Size B	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year						
	Trade Ally Incentives, Size C	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year						
		Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:						
	Workforce Development or Market Transformation Cost, Size A	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year						These costs are sub-set of the Utility Fixed O&M Cost* category above.
	Workforce Development or Market Transformation Cost, Size B	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year						
	Workforce Development or Market Transformation Cost, Size C	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year						
		Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:						
	Other Fixed O&M Cost, Size A	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year						These costs are sub-set of the Utility Fixed O&M Cost* category above.
	Other Fixed O&M Cost, Size B	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year						
	Other Fixed O&M Cost, Size C	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year						
		Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:						
	Total utility capital investment, Size A	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year						This tracks expectations for when this pilot would require capital investments from the utility, if applicable. This will not directly feed into the incremental costs for NGA, but instead will be used to estimate the timing and level of annual revenue requirement resulting from these capital investments (shown below).
Total utility capital investment, Size B	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year							
Total utility capital investment, Size C	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year							
	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:							
Est. Annual Revenue Requirement for Capital Projects, Size A	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year						For capital projects, the incremental cost impact on the NGA budget is the annual revenue requirement (return of and on capital additions), as well as the utility Fixed O&M Costs* captured above. This revenue requirement is calculated from the magnitude & timing of capital investment captured above, based on expected measure life (and depreciation time period), as well as the utility's return on investment.	
Est. Annual Revenue Requirement for Capital Projects, Size B	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year							
Est. Annual Revenue Requirement for Capital Projects, Size C	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year							
	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:							
Est. Total Revenue Requirement for Capital Projects, Size A	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year						The total revenue requirement is calculated from the magnitude & timing of total capital investment captured above, based on expected measure life (and depreciation time period), as well as the utility's return on investment. This cost is noted here for reference, it's not used to calculate any of the NGA evaluation criteria.	
Est. Total Revenue Requirement for Capital Projects, Size B	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year							
Est. Total Revenue Requirement for Capital Projects, Size C	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year							
	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:							
Incentives, Size A	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year						This tracks total incentives paid directly to customers (customer rebates like money, gift cards or other fungible payments, etc). Do not include here cost of customer benefits delivered directly to the customer by a program vendor (paying for the cost of energy/GHG audits or direct install measures), or making a capital investment in a customer's project where the customer doesn't hold equipment ownership. Incentives will be used in the Participant Cost tests for the NGA evaluation criteria.	
Incentives, Size B	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year							
Incentives, Size C	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year							
	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:							
Incentives per Participant, Size A	#DIV/0!	\$ -	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	per participant per year						Incentives per participant is a function of total incentives paid directly to customers.	
Incentives per Participant, Size B	#DIV/0!	\$ -	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	per participant per year							
Incentives per Participant, Size C	#DIV/0!	\$ -	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	per participant per year							
<u>Calculations & Other Explanation:</u>													
	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5								
RNG Contract Purchase Cost:	\$ 24.00	\$ 24.00	\$ 24.00	\$ 24.00	\$ 24.00	per Dth (1 Dth = 1 MMBtu)						<p>Note - in original Exhibit N these were based on a fixed value for Year 1 but in this combined file they have been linked to the Planning Assumptions' from Exhibit P so that commodity price updates are automatically reflected here. This formula also corrects the mistake CenterPoint Energy reported, about using Year 0 commodity costs for RNG Year 1 Commodity costs in the original filing.</p> <p>Basing costs to CNP on the incremental cost, since RNG offtake contracts will reduce the volumes of geologic gas that ne-</p> <p>Assumes Incremental Cost from year 5 is unchanged for remaining years of supply contract</p>	
Geologic Gas Cost:	\$ 5.13	\$ 4.86	\$ 4.60	\$ 4.36	\$ 4.13	per Dth							
Incremental Fuel Cost:	\$ 19.87	\$ 19.14	\$ 19.40	\$ 19.64	\$ 19.87	per Dth							
Incremental Fuel Cost - Average over Contract Life (based on contract start year):	\$ 19.63	\$ 19.73	\$ 19.80	\$ 19.85	\$ 19.87	per Dth							
M-RETS RTC On-going Registration Costs:	\$0.05	\$0.05	\$0.05	\$0.05	\$0.05	\$/Dth, for all Dth produced each year							
M-RETS RTC Upfront Registration Costs:	\$1,500					One time upfront							
Project Verification Costs:	\$35,000					Green-E or other cost for project verification							
	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:							
Total Pilot Upfront Costs, Size A	\$ 196	\$ 197	\$ 198	\$ 198	\$ 199	per participant							This represents the total equipment and installation costs for technologies implemented as part of this pilot (specifically non-utility capital projects that were captured separately above). This cost does not account for what portion of costs may be covered by utility incentives, nor include utility program admin costs.
Total Pilot Upfront Costs, Size B	\$ 196	\$ 197	\$ 198	\$ 198	\$ 199	per participant							
Total Pilot Upfront Costs, Size C	\$ 196	\$ 197	\$ 198	\$ 198	\$ 199	per participant							
	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:							
Third Party Funding, Size A	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per participant						If there are expectations for external funding sources (e.g. IRA, etc) account for those values here. This funding is noted here for reference, it's not used to calculate any of the NGA evaluation criteria.	
Third Party Funding, Size B	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per participant							
Third Party Funding, Size C	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per participant							
Description of source of external funding:													
	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:							
Direct Participant Pilot Costs, Size A	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per participant						This represents the upfront costs to participants who participate in this pilot. This is a calculated value, where utility incentives are subtracted from the total upfront project costs. Direct Participant Pilot costs will be used in the Participant Cost tests for the NGA evaluation criteria. Note 1 some pilots taking a 'Direct Install' approach may see the utility covering all costs, with no upfront financial contribution from the participant.	
Direct Participant Pilot Costs, Size B	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per participant							
Direct Participant Pilot Costs, Size C	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per participant							
<u>Calculations & Other Explanation:</u>													
	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5								
Escalation rate	3.82%	3.82%	3.82%	3.82%	3.82%	(for each pilot analysis year)						For an escalation rate, we use the average of the 12-month percentage change in the "all items" consumer price index available from the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics, as reported in December for each of the last five years. Using the most recently available data.	
	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:							
Participant Non-Energy Costs, Size A	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per participant per year of pilot life						This includes any increased in costs like equipment operating costs or increased water costs. Participant Non-Energy Costs will be used in the	

PARTICIPANT NON-ENERGY COSTS	Participant Non-Energy Costs, Size B	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	per participant per year of pilot life	Participant Cost tests for the NGIA evaluation criteria.
	Participant Non-Energy Costs, Size B	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	per participant per year of pilot life	
	Participant Non-Energy Costs, Size C	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	per participant per year of pilot life	
<u>Calculations & Other Explanation:</u>													
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PARTICIPANT NON-ENERGY SAVINGS	Participant Non-Energy Savings, Size A	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:	This includes any operating savings like water savings.
	Participant Non-Energy Savings, Size B	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	per participant per year of pilot life	
	Participant Non-Energy Savings, Size B	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	per participant per year of pilot life	
	Participant Non-Energy Savings, Size C	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	per participant per year of pilot life	
<u>Calculations & Other Explanation:</u>													

PILOT LIFE	Average Lifetime for Savings/Pilot Tech, Size A		10	years
	Average Lifetime for Savings/Pilot Tech, Size B		10	years
	Average Lifetime for Savings/Pilot Tech, Size C		10	years
	<u>Calculations & Other Explanation:</u>			

NATURAL GAS ENERGY SAVINGS: AVG. Dth/ PARTICIPANT SAVED	Avg. Dth/Participant Saved, Size A		0	Dth/Participant
	Avg. Dth/Participant Saved, Size B		0	Dth/Participant
	Avg. Dth/Participant Saved, Size C		0	Dth/Participant
	<u>Calculations & Other Explanation:</u>		Changes in natural gas consumption for RNG production are already factored into Carbon Intensity through GREET calculations (avoiding double counting them here).	

AVG. NON-GAS FUEL UNITS/ PART.	Avg. Non-Gas Fuel Units/Part. Saved, Size A		0	kWh/Participant	Units are kWh; could technically be other non-NG. Avg. Non-Gas Fuel Units/Part. Saved will be used in the Participant Cost tests for the NGIA evaluation criteria.
	Avg. Non-Gas Fuel Units/Part. Saved, Size B		0	kWh/Participant	
	Avg. Non-Gas Fuel Units/Part. Saved, Size C		0	kWh/Participant	
	<u>Calculations & Other Explanation:</u>				
AVG. NON-GAS FUEL UNITS/ PART.	Avg. Additional Non-Gas Fuel Units/Part.Used, Size A		0	kWh/Participant	Avg. Additional Non-Gas Fuel Units/Part. Used will be used in the Participant Cost tests for the NGIA evaluation criteria.
	Avg. Additional Non-Gas Fuel Units/Part.Used, Size B		0	kWh/Participant	
	Avg. Additional Non-Gas Fuel Units/Part.Used, Size C		0	kWh/Participant	
	<u>Calculations & Other Explanation:</u>		Changes in electricity consumption for RNG production are already factored into Carbon Intensity through GREET calculations (avoiding double counting them here).		

TOTAL ANNUAL Dth SAVED	Year 1						Year 2						Year 3						Year 4						Year 5												
	Total Annual Dth Saved, Size A						0.00						0.00						0.00						0.00						0.00						Natural gas energy savings that result from multiplying savings per participant times the total number of new participants in a given year
	Total Annual Dth Saved, Size B						0.00						0.00						0.00						0.00												
	Total Annual Dth Saved, Size C						0.00						0.00						0.00						0.00												
Calculations & Other Explanation:																																					

GRID MIX SCENARIO	Grid Mix Scenario	NREL	Select one of the listed grid mix scenarios taking into account that:
	<p><i>*Utilities shall use electric-utility-specific generation mix information for the renewable natural gas facility when it is reasonably available. When electric utility-specific information is not available, the filing gas utility will use a state-specific generation mix taken from National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL) Residential Projections. If the reasonable natural gas facility is using a higher percentage of carbon from electricity than is available to state it from that electric utility, either from an electric generation resource or electric utility energy storage.</i></p>		
Calculations & Other Explanation:			

This section does not apply to all pilot types. The GHG changes from decreased natural gas and/or electricity consumption will be calculated based on values above. However, for pilots where NGIA requires lifecycle GHG savings (e.g. RNG, hydrogen, carbon capture) this section accounts for the lifecycle change in GHG emissions (per unit of participation).																																												
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OTHER PILOT-SPECIFIC PARAMETERS (formerly 'General Parameters' in CIP Calculator):

PEAK REDUCTION FACTOR	Peak Reduction Factor	1%	The estimated average annual effect of the project on system peak. It is estimated to be 1% for energy efficiency pilots. The method for other innovative resources should be considered in the context of specific utility proposals. Peak Reduction Factor will be used in the Utility Cost and Non Participant Cost tests for the NGIA evaluation criteria.
	Calculations & Other Explanation:		

VARIABLE O&M	Values now linked directly back to planning assumptions tab (possible given the combination of formerly separate Exhibits P and N into a single file)						
	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:						
	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	per Dth	
Variable O&M Cost, Applies to all project sizes	\$ 0.05	\$ 0.04	\$ 0.04	\$ 0.04	\$ 0.04		
<u>Calculations & Other Explanation:</u>							
Escalation rate	n/a	-5.250%	-5.250%	-5.250%	-5.250%	(for each pilot analysis year)	
	-0.052499023	-0.052499023	-0.052499023	-0.052499023	-0.052499023	(for each pilot analysis year)	

The CIP methodology is used for energy efficiency. However, the value for other innovative resources should be considered in the context of specific utility proposals. For example, resources like power-to-hydrogen and RNG may not decrease O&M costs as they also need to be transported to customers on the distribution system. Variable O&M will be used in the Utility Cost and Non Participant Cost tests for the NGA evaluation criteria.
 Annual Escalation Rate calculated using the average percent change in the price of natural gas between 2023 through 2027 to all users in the West North Central Region as estimated in the Energy Information Administration's 2023 Annual Energy Outlook

NON-GAS FUEL COST	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:	
	\$ 44.14	per MWh
	The CIP methodology is used for all resources other than strategic electrification. The method for strategic electrification should be considered in the context of specific utility pilot proposals. equal to the average of daily real-time final market locational marginal prices (LMP) at the Minnesota Hub from January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022 using data from Midwest Independent System Operator (MISO)	
<u>Calculations & Other Explanation:</u>		

NON-GAS FUEL LOSS FACTOR	8.22%	The CIP methodology is used for all resources other than strategic electrification. The method for strategic electrification should be considered in the context of specific utility pilot proposals. In the most recent CIP, Staff used the weighted average of the most recent loss factors reported by Minnesota Power, Xcel Energy, and Otter Tail Power's reported 2021 transmission and distribution loss factors and weighting by the utilities' 2017-2019 average retail sales
	<u>Calculations & Other Explanation:</u>	

OTHER QUANTITATIVE CRITERIA:

OTHER NON-GHG POLLUTANTS	USD Cost Unit:	
	\$ 0.37	per Dth
	Generally no change from CIP methodology. The factor is calculated using the final environmental cost values approved by Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (Commission). The factors are reported in 2021 dollars in Table 2 below, which were calculated by inflating the Commission's approved dollar per ton environmental cost values using escalation rate to adjust by observed inflation between 2014 and 2021. Stakeholders expressed a preference for allowing utilities to select different externality values for pilots targeting specific geographies or populations. For example, an energy efficiency project that targets an urban area might use the urban value rather than the metropolitan fringe value. Similarly, a project targeting a low-income population might use a high value rather than the median. Utilities can make deviations such as these in their NGA plans if they can provide justification for the change. Instead of requiring the use of median metropolitan fringe values for all non-GHG pollutants, as shown in Table 1 of the Commission's January 3, 2018 Order in Docket No. E0999/C1-14-643, utilities may use the value most applicable for the pilot or measure.	
<u>Calculations & Other Explanation:</u>		
2024 Gas environmental damage from all criteria pollutants combined	\$ 0.37	
2022 Gas environmental damage from all criteria pollutants combined	\$ 0.34	per Dth
The factor is calculated using the median range of the final metropolitan fringe environmental cost values approved by the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (Commission)27 for carbon dioxide (CO2), sulfur dioxide (SO2), fine particulate matter (PM2.5), carbon monoxide (CO), nitrogen oxides (NOx), and lead (Pb); along with estimated natural gas emission factor (or factors) for each emission provided by the Environmental Protection Agency Source: AP-42, Fifth		
Escalation rate from legislation	0.0779	2024 USD
Annual escalation rate	3.82%	Annual escalation rate calculated as the average of the 12-month percentage change in the "all items" customer price index available from the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics between 2018 and 2022. https://www.bls.gov/charts/consumer-price-index/consumer-price-index-by-category-line-chart.htm

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Total during 5 program years	Remainder of project life	
Net Direct Job Creation, Size A	0	1	1	1	1	3	5	# of jobs
Net Direct Job Creation, Size B	3	15	15	15	14	61	100	# of jobs
Net Direct Job Creation, Size C	0	34	32	31	31	129	225	# of jobs

Utilities should consider both jobs created by proposed pilots and jobs that may be eliminated by proposed pilots.

NET JOB CREATION

Net Indirect Job Creation, Size A
 Net Indirect Job Creation, Size B
 Net Indirect Job Creation, Size C

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Total during 5 program years	Remainder of project life	
	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	3 # of jobs
	2	9	8	8	8	34	54	54 # of jobs
	0	18	18	17	17	70	121	121 # of jobs

Utilities should consider both jobs created by proposed pilots and jobs that may be eliminated by proposed pilots.

Net Induced Job Creation, Size A
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	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Total during 5 program years	Remainder of project life	
	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	3 # of jobs
	2	9	9	9	9	38	62	62 # of jobs
	0	21	20	20	19	80	139	139 # of jobs

Calculations & Other Explanation
 Job numbers are estimated as Full Time Equivalents (FTE) and are rounded off.

PUBLIC CO-BENEFITS

Public Co-Benefits, Size A
 Public Co-Benefits, Size B
 Public Co-Benefits, Size C

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:
\$	-	-	-	-	-	per year
\$	-	-	-	-	-	per year
\$	-	-	-	-	-	per year

Quantifiable in some cases. For example, when a utility pays a municipality for RNG produced from wastewater treatment but may be qualitative in other situations. If this metric isn't quantifiable, there is space for any qualitative comments in the Additional Qualitative Considerations section below.

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Calculations & Other Explanation

WATER POLLUTION

Water Pollution, Size A
 Water Pollution, Size B
 Water Pollution, Size C

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:
\$	-	-	-	-	-	per year
\$	-	-	-	-	-	per year
\$	-	-	-	-	-	per year

The legislation left the door open to quantify any costs and benefits on water pollution. This might be quantifiable for some of the projects. Methodology is TBD. If this metric isn't quantifiable, there is space for any qualitative comments in the Additional Qualitative Considerations section below.

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Calculations & Other Explanation

ADDITIONAL QUALITATIVE CONSIDERATIONS:

NGIA Utility Perspective Notes:

It is expected that most of the utility perspective costs and benefits will be quantifiable with and should be heavily informed by the structural values and CIP quantification methods.

Definition:

NGIA Participants' Perspective Notes:

Definition: *It is expected that many of the elements of the participant perspective, with respect to the direct effect of pilots, will be quantifiable and will rely on the structural values. Add here any information related to some direct effects of pilots on participants that may not be easily quantifiable. For example, increased comfort in a home and health benefits from pilots that improve indoor air quality are two examples of benefits that may be difficult to quantify.*

NGIA Nonparticipating Customers' Perspective Notes:

Definition: *As with the utility perspective, the direct effects of pilot programs on non-participating customers should be quantified in most cases and can be heavily informed by structural values.*

Provides widespread benefits to all sales customers

Effects on Other Energy Systems and Energy Security:

Definition: *NGIA invites the Commission to consider how innovative resources fit into the energy system with a broader perspective than effects on the gas utility and its customers. Measures like strategic electrification specifically require gas utilities and the Commission to avoid negative effects on the electric system. Further, the NGIA empowers the Commission to consider a wide variety of "costs and benefits that may be expected under a plan," one of which is a reduction of reliance on imported resources and national fuel markets.*

Company will give preference to fuel made in MN that will reduce import from outside of MN

GHG Emissions:

Notes: *An innovation plan must include the total lifecycle GHG emissions that the utility projects will be reduced or avoided through implementing the plan. This benefit should be generally quantifiable using the Commission-approved GHG accounting framework and GHG externality values. Note that this row also calls for discussion of any environmental justice effects of the pilot related to GHG emissions, these may not be quantifiable.*

Other Pollution:

Notes: *Include any additional non-GHG environmental costs and benefits. For example, effects on water pollution that may not be quantifiable, or specific air quality benefits to a low income community. Note that this also calls for discussion of any environmental justice effects of the pilot related to non-GHG pollution.*

Waste Reduction and Reuse Notes:

Definition: *Waste reduction, reuse, and anaerobic digestion are goals of the NGIA. Includes reduction of water use.*

Food waste projects can have landfill avoidance benefits; foodwaste projects all make a useful product from waste

Policy Notes:

Definition: *NGIA is intended to help the state achieve certain environmental policy goals including geologic gas throughput reduction and increased use of renewable resources.*

Reduces fossil gas throughput; increases use of renewable energy

Net Job Creation:

Notes: *An innovation plan must include, as applicable, "projected local job impacts resulting from implementation of the plan." Utilities should consider both jobs created by proposed pilots and jobs that may be eliminated by proposed pilots.*

Economic Development:

Notes: *The Commission must make a finding that the innovation plan "promotes local economic development." Creation of jobs is a form of economic development, but economic development is broader. For example, pilots that pay workers a living wage or support apprenticeships or training opportunities would provide additional economic benefits.*

Public Co-Benefits:

Notes: *There may be public benefits for certain pilots. For example, the NGIA is intended to help support wastewater treatment and organics recycling. This category could also include odor effects on Minnesota communities – either reductions in unpleasant odors or increased odor problems.*

Market

Development

Notes:

Definition:

The NGIA supports the development of new markets or expansion of markets in Minnesota. For example, utilities are required to describe whether proposed plans support the development of alternative agricultural products, as well as the geographic areas of the state where benefits are realized

Direct Innovation

Support Notes:

Definition:

This category is intended to answer how the proposed pilot supports the development and increased deployment of innovative resources beyond the direct program impacts. For example, research and development projects, which are permitted under the NGIA,40 are unlikely to produce significant benefits on their own but are intended to lead to future opportunities.

Opportunity for Company to learn about purchasing RNG

Resource

Scalability and Role

in a Decarbonized

System Notes:

Definition:

While NGIA pilots may have small impacts in the near-term, stakeholders felt it was important for the Commission to consider the potential importance of each resource in a decarbonized energy system. The NGIA requires the Commission to consider changes to natural gas utility and regulatory policy structures needed to meet or exceed Minnesota's GHG reduction goals. NGIA pilots should provide valuable information to the Commission as it considers the energy future of the state.

Realistic pathways to decarbonization include RNG



CNP06 – RNG Archetype – Landfill Gas

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March 15th 2024 Update: The assumed participating units (e.g. volume of RNG to be contracted) from this RNG archetype has been updated to help the overall revised portfolio align with the cost cap and ensure more than 50% of spending is dedicated to low-carbon fuels. Updated input cells may

DESCRIPTION	Pilot Project Code:	CNP06	
	Pilot Project Name:	RNG Archetype – Landfill Gas	
	Customer Class/ Sector:	C&I & Res	
	Low-Income Community Benefit?	N	
	Target Area:	Territory-wide	
	Primary Innovative Resource Category:	Renewable Natural Gas (RNG)	
	Select primary Innovation Category. Others can be listed here:		
	Pilot Description:		
	For Pilots 3-6, the "RNG Archetypes", CenterPoint Energy would purchase RNG - including the commodity and environmental attributes - from multiple RNG producers that have developed RNG projects using a variety of feedstocks. CNP may also support RNG project development by directly investing in the biogas upgrading equipment (required to produce pipeline-quality RNG) for a limited number of RNG projects, to reduce developers' required capital. We have developed an estimate of expected carbon intensity for each type of feedstock to inform our analysis of potential GHG reductions from a portfolio of RNG purchases.		
	Overview of Program/ Implementation Approach:		
CenterPoint Energy would likely issue a request for proposals (RFP) from RNG project developers. The RFP process would help CenterPoint Energy to maximize cost-effectiveness by building a portfolio of RNG purchases from a variety of projects and under customized contract terms.			
Other Comments / Information:			
For the purposes of this analysis, assumes offtake from developer or other entity, not capital investment from CNP.			

KEY PILOT-SPECIFIC INPUTS:

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	Participating Units, Size B	228,750																										
	Participating Units, Size C	900,000																										
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UTILITY PILOT COSTS

Workforce Development or Market Transformation Cost, Size A
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These costs are sub-set of the Utility "Fixed O&M Cost" category above.

Other Fixed O&M Cost, Size A
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\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	per year
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Total utility capital investment, Size A
 Total utility capital investment, Size B
 Total utility capital investment, Size C

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:
\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	per year
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This tracks expectations for when this pilot would require capital investments from the utility, if applicable. This will not directly feed into the incremental costs for NGIA, but instead will be used to estimate the timing and level of annual revenue requirement resulting from these capital investments (shown below).

Est. Annual Revenue Requirement for Capital Projects, Size A
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	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:
\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	per year
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For capital projects, the incremental cost impact on the NGIA budget is the annual revenue requirement (return of and on capital additions) as well as the utility "Fixed O&M Costs" captured above. This revenue requirement is calculated from the magnitude & timing of capital investment captured above, based on expected measure life (and depreciation time period), as well as the utility's return on investment.

Est. Total Revenue Requirement for Capital Projects, Size A
 Est. Total Revenue Requirement for Capital Projects, Size B
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Total	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:
\$	- per year
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The total revenue requirement is calculated from the magnitude & timing of total capital investment captured above, based on expected measure life (and depreciation time period), as well as the utility's return on investment. This cost is noted here for reference, it's not used to calculate any of the NGIA evaluation criteria.

Incentives, Size A
 Incentives, Size B
 Incentives, Size C

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:
\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	per year
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This tracks total incentives paid directly to customers (customer rebates like money, gift cards or other fungible payments, etc). Do not include here cost of customer benefits delivered directly to the customer by a program vendor (paying for the cost of energy/GHG audits or direct install measures) or making a capital investment in a customer's project where the customer doesn't hold equipment ownership. Incentives will be used in the Participant Cost tests for the NGIA evaluation criteria.

Incentives per Participant, Size A
 Incentives per Participant, Size B
 Incentives per Participant, Size C

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:
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Incentives per participant is a function of total incentives paid directly to customers.

Calculations & Other Explanation:

RNG Contract Purchase Cost: \$ 16.00 \$ 16.00 \$ 16.00 \$ 16.00 \$ 16.00 per Dth (1 Dth = 1 MMBtu)

Geologic Gas Cost: \$ 5.13 \$ 4.86 \$ 4.60 \$ 4.36 \$ 4.13 per Dth
 Incremental Fuel Cost: \$ 10.87 \$ 11.14 \$ 11.40 \$ 11.64 \$ 11.87 per Dth
 Incremental Fuel Cost - Average over Contract Life (based on contract start year): \$ 11.63 \$ 11.73 \$ 11.80 \$ 11.85 \$ 11.87 per Dth

M-RETS RTC On-going Registration Costs: \$0.05 \$/Dth for all Dth produced each year
 M-RETS RTC Upfront Registration Costs: \$1500 One time upfront

Project Verification Costs: \$35,000 /year Green-E or other cost for project verification

Note - in original Exhibit N these were based on a fixed value for Year 1, but in this combined file they have been linked to the "Planning Assumptions" from Exhibit P so that commodity price updates are automatically reflected here. This formula also corrects the mistake CenterPoint Energy reported, about using Year 0 commodity costs for RNG Year 1 Commodity costs in the original filing.

Basing costs to CNP on the incremental cost, since RNG offtake contracts will reduce the volumes of geologic gas that

Assumes Incremental Cost from year 5 is unchanged for remaining years of supply contract.

TOTAL AND DIRECT PARTICIPANT PILOT COSTS

Total Pilot Upfront Costs, Size A
 Total Pilot Upfront Costs, Size B
 Total Pilot Upfront Costs, Size C

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:		
\$	116	\$	117	\$	118	\$	119	per participant
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This represents the total equipment and installation costs for technologies implemented as part of this pilot (specifically non-utility capital projects that were captured separately above). This cost does not account for what portion of costs may be covered by utility incentives, nor include utility program admin costs.

Third Party Funding, Size A
 Third Party Funding, Size B
 Third Party Funding, Size C
 Description of source of external funding:

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:
\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	per participant
\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	per participant
\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	per participant

If there are expectations for external funding sources (e.g. IRA, etc) account for those values here. This funding is noted here for reference, it's not used to calculate any of the NGIA evaluation criteria.

Direct Participant Pilot Costs, Size A
 Direct Participant Pilot Costs, Size B
 Direct Participant Pilot Costs, Size C

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:
\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	per participant
\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	per participant
\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	per participant

This represents the upfront costs to participants who participate in this pilot. This is a calculated value, where utility incentives are subtracted from the total upfront project costs. Direct Participant Pilot costs will be used in the Participant Cost tests for the NGIA evaluation criteria. Note some pilots taking a "Direct Install" approach may use the utility covering all costs, with no upfront financial contribution from the participant.

Calculations & Other Explanation:

Escalation rate: 3.82% 3.82% 3.82% 3.82% 3.82% (for each pilot analysis year)

For an escalation rate, we use the average of the 12-month percentage change in the "all items" consumer price index available from the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics, as reported in December for each of the last five years. Using the most recently available data.

PARTICIPANT NON-ENERGY COSTS

Participant Non-Energy Costs, Size A
 Participant Non-Energy Costs, Size B
 Participant Non-Energy Costs, Size C

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:
\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	per participant per year of pilot life
\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	per participant per year of pilot life
\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	per participant per year of pilot life

This includes any increased in costs like equipment operating costs or increased water costs. Participant Non-Energy Costs will be used in the Participant Cost tests for the NGIA evaluation criteria.

Calculations & Other Explanation:

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PARTICIPANT NON-ENERGY SAVINGS

Participant Non-Energy Savings, Size A
 Participant Non-Energy Savings, Size B
 Participant Non-Energy Savings, Size C

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:
\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	per participant per year of pilot life
\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	per participant per year of pilot life
\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	per participant per year of pilot life

This includes any operating savings like water savings.

Calculations & Other Explanation:

PILOT LIFE	Average Lifetime for Savings/Pilot Tech, Size A Average Lifetime for Savings/Pilot Tech, Size B Average Lifetime for Savings/Pilot Tech, Size C <u>Calculations & Other Explanation:</u>	<table border="1"> <tr><td>10</td><td>years</td></tr> <tr><td>10</td><td>years</td></tr> <tr><td>10</td><td>years</td></tr> </table>	10	years	10	years	10	years																																																																																																
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NON-GAS FUEL COST	Non-Gas (i.e., Electric) Fuel Cost	\$ 44.14	per MWh	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit: The CIP methodology is used for all resources other than strategic electrification. The method for strategic electrification should be considered in the context of specific utility pilot proposals. equal to the average of daily real-time final market locational marginal prices (LMP) at the Minnesota Hub from January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022 using data from Midwest Independent System Operator (MISO)
	Calculations & Other Explanation:			
NON-GAS FUEL LOSS FACTOR	Non-Gas Fuel Loss Factor	8.22%		The CIP methodology is used for all resources other than strategic electrification. The method for strategic electrification should be considered in the context of specific utility pilot proposals. In the most recent CIP, Staff used the weighted average of the most recent loss factors reported by Minnesota Power, Xcel Energy, and Otter Tail Power's reported 2021 transmission and distribution loss factors and weighting by the utilities' 2017-2019 average retail sales
	Calculations & Other Explanation:			

OTHER QUANTITATIVE CRITERIA:

OTHER NON-GHG POLLUTANTS	USD Cost Unit:			Generally no change from CIP methodology. The factor is calculated using the final environmental cost values approved by Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (Commission). The factors are reported in 2021 dollars in Table 2 below, which were calculated by inflating the Commission's approved dollar per ton environmental cost values using escalation rate to adjust by observed inflation between 2014 and 2021. Stakeholders expressed a preference for allowing utilities to select different externality values for pilots targeting specific geographies or populations. For example, an energy efficiency project that targets an urban area might use the urban value rather than the metropolitan fringe value. Similarly, a project targeting a low-income population might use a high value rather than the median. Utilities can make deviations such as these in their NGIA plans if they can provide justification for the change. Instead of requiring the use of median metropolitan fringe values for all non-GHG pollutants, as shown in Table 1 of the Commission's January 3, 2018 Order in Docket No. E1999/C1-14-643, utilities may use the value most applicable for the pilot or measure.
	Other Non-GHG Pollutants, Size A	\$ 0.37	per Dth	
	Other Non-GHG Pollutants, Size B	\$ 0.37	per Dth	
	Other Non-GHG Pollutants, Size C	\$ 0.37	per Dth	
Calculations & Other Explanation:				

NET JOB CREATION	Net Direct Job Creation, Size A Net Direct Job Creation, Size B Net Direct Job Creation, Size C	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Total during 5 program years	Remainder of project life	# of jobs	Utilities should consider both jobs created by proposed pilots and jobs that may be eliminated by proposed pilots.	
		1	4	4	4	4	18	27			
		0	17	17	17	17	69	120			
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		0	2	2	2	2	9	15			
		0	9	9	9	9	37	65			
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	Net Induced Job Creation, Size A Net Induced Job Creation, Size A Net Induced Job Creation, Size A	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Total during 5 program years	Remainder of project life	# of jobs		
		0	3	2	2	2	10	18			
		0	11	11	10	10	42	75			
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<p>March 15th 2024 Update: Note that Net Job Creation impacts have not been updated with the current changes to this pilot.</p> <p>Calculations & Other Explanation: Job numbers are estimated as Full Time Equivalents (FTE) and are rounded off.</p>											

PUBLIC CO-BENEFITS	Public Co-Benefits, Size A	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:	Quantifiable in some cases. If this metric isn't quantifiable, there is space for any qualitative comments in the Additional Qualitative Considerations section below.
	Public Co-Benefits, Size B	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year	
	Public Co-Benefits, Size B	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year	
	Public Co-Benefits, Size C	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year	
Calculations & Other Explanation:								

WATER POLLUTION	Water Pollution, Size A	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:	The legislation left the door open to quantify any costs and benefits on water pollution. This might be quantifiable for some of the projects. If this metric isn't quantifiable, there is space for any qualitative comments in the Additional Qualitative Considerations section below.
	Water Pollution, Size B	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year	
	Water Pollution, Size C	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year	
	Water Pollution, Size C	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year	
Calculations & Other Explanation:								

ADDITIONAL QUALITATIVE CONSIDERATIONS:

NGIA Utility Perspective Notes:	It is expected that most of the utility perspective costs and benefits will be quantifiable with and should be heavily informed by the structural values and CIP quantification methods.
Definition:	
NGIA Participants' Perspective Notes:	It is expected that many of the elements of the participant perspective, with respect to the direct effect of pilots, will be quantifiable and will rely on the structural values. Add here any information related to some direct effects of pilots on participants that may not be easily quantifiable. For example, increased comfort in a home and health benefits from pilots that improve indoor air quality are two examples of benefits that may be difficult to quantify.
Definition:	

**NGIA
Nonparticipating
Customers**

Perspective Notes:

As with the utility perspective, the direct effects of pilot programs on non-participating customers should be quantified in most cases and can be heavily informed by structural values.

Definition:

Provides widespread benefits to all sales customers

**Effects on Other
Energy Systems
and Energy
Security**

Definition:

NGIA invites the Commission to consider how innovative resources fit into the energy system with a broader perspective than effects on the gas utility and its customers. Measures like strategic electrification specifically require gas utilities and the Commission to avoid negative effects on the electric system. Further, the NGIA empowers the Commission to consider a wide variety of "costs and benefits that may be expected under a plan," one of which is a reduction of reliance on imported resources and national fuel markets.
Company will give preference to fuel made in MN that will reduce import from outside of MN

GHG Emissions

Notes:

Definition:

An innovation plan must include the total lifecycle GHG emissions that the utility projects will be reduced or avoided through implementing the plan. This benefit should be generally quantifiable using the Commission-approved GHG accounting framework and GHG externality values. Note that this row also calls for discussion of any environmental justice effects of the pilot related to GHG emissions, these may not be quantifiable.

Other Pollution

Notes:

Definition:

Include any additional non-GHG environmental costs and benefits. For example, effects on water pollution that may not be quantifiable, or specific air quality benefits to a low income community. Note that this also calls for discussion of any environmental justice effects of the pilot related to non-GHG pollution.

**Waste Reduction
and Reuse Notes:**

Definition:

Waste reduction, reuse, and anaerobic digestion are goals of the NGIA. Includes reduction of water use.

Policy Notes:

Definition:

NGIA is intended to help the state achieve certain environmental policy goals including geologic gas throughput reduction and increased use of renewable resources.
Reduces fossil gas throughput

Net Job Creation

Notes:

Definition:

An innovation plan must include, as applicable, "projected local job impacts resulting from implementation of the plan." Utilities should consider both jobs created by proposed pilots and jobs that may be eliminated by proposed pilots.

**Economic
Development**

Notes:

Definition:

The Commission must make a finding that the innovation plan "promotes local economic development." Creation of jobs is a form of economic development, but economic development is broader. For example, pilots that pay workers a living wage or support apprenticeships or training opportunities would provide additional economic benefits.

Public Co-Benefits

Notes:

Definition:

There may be public benefits for certain pilots. For example, the NGIA is intended to help support wastewater treatment and organics recycling. This category could also include odor effects on Minnesota communities – either reductions in unpleasant odors or increased odor problems.

**Market
Development**

Notes:

Definition:

The NGIA supports the development of new markets or expansion of markets in Minnesota. For example, utilities are required to describe whether proposed plans support the development of alternative agricultural products, as well as the geographic areas of the state where benefits are realized

Direct Innovation

Support Notes:

Definition:

This category is intended to answer how the proposed pilot supports the development and increased deployment of innovative resources beyond the direct program impacts. For example, research and development projects, which are permitted under the NGIA,40 are unlikely to produce significant benefits on their own but are intended to lead to future opportunities.

Opportunity for Company to learn about purchasing RNG

Resource

Scalability and Role
in a Decarbonized

System Notes:

Definition:

While NGIA pilots may have small impacts in the near-term, stakeholders felt it was important for the Commission to consider the potential importance of each resource in a decarbonized energy system. The NGIA requires the Commission to consider changes to natural gas utility and regulatory policy structures needed to meet or exceed Minnesota's GHG reduction goals. NGIA pilots should provide valuable information to the Commission as it considers the energy future of the state.

Realistic pathways to decarbonization include RNG

COSTS

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:		
Other Fixed O&M Cost, Size A	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (46,981)	\$ (94,087)	\$ (94,087)	per year	Increased electricity costs for renewable power purchases for the electrolyzer and increased water costs. Electricity costs were included directly here because they expect to use a green tariff program to procure renewable electricity, while the default areas to enter increased electricity consumption below would automatically apply higher GHG emission factors for power generation.	
Other Fixed O&M Cost, Size B	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 690,182	\$ 454,653	\$ 831,499	per year		
Other Fixed O&M Cost, Size C	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year		
							March 15th Update: Updated costs above factor in expected revenue from PTC	
Total utility capital investment, Size A	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,340,000	\$ -	\$ -	per year	This tracks expectations for when this pilot would require capital investments from the utility, if applicable. This will not directly feed into the incremental costs for NGIA, but instead will be used to estimate the timing and level of annual revenue requirement resulting from these capital investments (shown below).	
Total utility capital investment, Size B	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,340,000	\$ -	\$ -	per year		
Total utility capital investment, Size C	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year		
							March 15th Update: Updated costs above factor in updated capital investments using PTC for hydrogen investments (upfront capital investment only reduced by ITC for solar PV)	
Est. Annual Revenue Requirement for Capital Projects, Size A	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 459,241	\$ 731,143	\$ 684,640	per year	For capital projects, the incremental cost impact on the NGIA budget is the annual revenue requirement (return of and on capital additions), as well as the utility "Fixed O&M Costs" captured above. This revenue requirement is calculated from the magnitude & timing of capital investment captured above, based on expected measure life (and depreciation time period), as well as the utility's return on investment.	
Est. Annual Revenue Requirement for Capital Projects, Size B	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 459,241	\$ 731,143	\$ 684,640	per year		
Est. Annual Revenue Requirement for Capital Projects, Size C	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year		
							March 15th Update: Updated annual revenue requirement factors in updated capital investments using PTC for hydrogen investments (upfront capital investment only reduced by ITC for solar PV)	
Est. Total Revenue Requirement for Capital Projects, Size A			Total			USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:	The total revenue requirement is calculated from the magnitude & timing of total capital investment captured above, based on expected measure life (and depreciation time period), as well as the utility's return on investment. This cost is noted here for reference, it's not used to calculate any of the NGIA evaluation criteria.	
Est. Total Revenue Requirement for Capital Projects, Size B	\$ 8,172,579					total cost		
Est. Total Revenue Requirement for Capital Projects, Size C	\$ 8,172,579					total cost		
							March 15th Update: Updated total revenue requirement factors in updated capital investments using PTC for hydrogen investments (upfront capital investment only reduced by ITC for solar PV)	
Incentives, Size A	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year	This tracks total incentives paid directly to customers (customer rebates like money, gift cards or other fungible payments, etc). Do not include here cost of customer benefits delivered directly to the customer by a program vendor (paying for the cost of energy/GHG audits or direct install measures), or making a capital investment in a customer's project where the customer doesn't hold equipment ownership. Incentives will be used in the Participant Cost tests for the NGIA evaluation criteria.	
Incentives, Size B	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year		
Incentives, Size C	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year		
Incentives per Participant, Size A	#N/A/O	#N/A/O	\$ -	#DIV/O	#DIV/O	per participant per year	Incentives per participant is a function of total incentives paid directly to customers.	
Incentives per Participant, Size B	#DIV/O	#DIV/O	\$ -	#DIV/O	#DIV/O	per participant per year		
Incentives per Participant, Size C	#DIV/O	#DIV/O	#DIV/O	#DIV/O	#DIV/O	per participant per year		

Calculations & Other Explanation:

Capitals costs for electrolyzer (1 MW) and Solar PV: \$ 5,000,000

External Delivery O&M Estimate Detail - 1MW Electrolyzer

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Remaining Years of Equipment Life
Technical Support:	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$0
Contract Labor:	\$0	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000
Materials/Parts:	\$0	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000
Utilities:	\$0	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000
Formal M&V:	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Electricity purchased here to be from renewable sources, acquired through green tariff program.

M-RETS Generator Registration Fee (One Time, year of installation) \$1500
 M-RETS RTC Registration Costs: \$0.05 \$/Dth

M&V - Total Cost for Whole Pilot: N/A
 Project Verification Costs: \$35,000 \$/year
March 15th Update: The PTC will require annual verification of project GHG intensity (through GREET) so annual project verification costs have been added to this pilot, but the total pilot M&V has been removed. Green-E or other cost for project verification

TOTAL AND DIRECT PARTICIPANT PILOT COSTS

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:		
Total Pilot Upfront Costs, Size A			\$ 8,172,579			per participant	This represents the total equipment and installation costs for technologies implemented as part of this pilot (specifically non-utility capital projects that were captured separately above). This cost does not account for what portion of costs may be covered by utility incentives, nor include utility program admin costs.	
Total Pilot Upfront Costs, Size B			\$ 8,172,579			per participant		
Total Pilot Upfront Costs, Size C						per participant		
Third Party Funding, Size A	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 707,106	\$ 94,211	\$ 94,211	per participant	If there are expectations for external funding sources (e.g. IRA, etc) account for those values here. This funding is noted here for reference, it's not used to calculate any of the NGIA evaluation criteria.	
Third Party Funding, Size B	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 895,528	\$ 471,057	\$ 94,211	per participant		
Third Party Funding, Size C	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per participant		
							IRA's ITC tax credit, taken as 30% of upfront capital costs (for both solar and electrolyzer)	
Direct Participant Pilot Costs, Size A	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per participant	This represents the upfront costs to participants who participate in this pilot. This is a calculated value, where utility incentives are subtracted from the total upfront project costs. Direct Participant Pilot costs will be used in the Participant Cost tests for the NGIA evaluation criteria. Note some pilots taking a "Direct Install" approach may see the utility covering all costs, with no upfront financial contribution from the participant.	
Direct Participant Pilot Costs, Size B	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per participant		
Direct Participant Pilot Costs, Size C	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per participant		

Calculations & Other Explanation:

Escalation rate: Year 1 3.82%, Year 2 3.82%, Year 3 3.82%, Year 4 3.82%, Year 5 3.82% (for each pilot analysis year)

For an escalation rate, we use the average of the 12-month percentage change in the "all items" consumer price index available from the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics, as reported in December for each of the last five years. Using the most recently available data.

IRA max credit value as \$3/kg H2 feasible when the hydrogen production carbon intensity is lower than 0.45kg CO2e/kg H2 which would be the case for this on-site solar PV generation for the electrolyzers. For max credit, also need to meet certain labor requirements on t
 Funding from IRA: \$ 3.00 /kg H2 (assumes max credit)
 ITC Rebate level: 30%

March 15th Update: Still using ITC for solar PV, but instead using IRA's \$3/kg PTC for the hydrogen production portion of project.
 IRA rules on PTC treatment are still a draft proposal, and there are some areas of uncertainty final rules will need to clear up. But rules would seem to allow (if some conditions are met) for green tariff electricity to be counted t
 However draft PTC regulations require hourly matching of renewable generation to hydrogen production starting in 2028. To be conservative, only PTC credits on the portion of electricity from on-site solar has been assumed t
 Note that NGIA Frameworks Order: "Utilities may assume that hydrogen produced using carbon-free electricity has no greenhouse gas emissions associated with its production but may have greenhouse gas emissions associ

	ITC (Using this for both Size A and B)	PTC Funding
Solar PV Capital Investment:	\$2,200,000	\$660,000
Rest of Hydrogen Investment:	\$2,800,000	\$0
	Pilot Size A: \$ 47,106	Pilot Size B: \$ 235,528
	Pilot Size A: \$ 94,211	Pilot Size B: \$ 471,057
	Pilot Size A: \$ 94,211	Pilot Size B: \$ 94,211

PARTICIPANT NON-ENERGY COSTS

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:	
Participant Non-Energy Costs, Size A	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per participant per year of pilot life	This includes any increased in costs like equipment operating costs or increased water costs. No costs were included here, because this is a utility owned pilot, so costs were instead entered into the utility budget directly (in rows 107-109). Participant Non-Energy Costs will be used in the Participant Cost tests for the NGIA evaluation criteria.
Participant Non-Energy Costs, Size B	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per participant per year of pilot life	
Participant Non-Energy Costs, Size C	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per participant per year of pilot life	

Calculations & Other Explanation:

Escalation rate: Year 1 3.82%, Year 2 3.82%, Year 3 3.82%, Year 4 3.82%, Year 5 3.82% (for each pilot analysis year)

For an escalation rate, we use the average of the 12-month percentage change in the "all items" consumer price index available from the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics, as reported in December for each of the last five years. Using the most recently available data.

Water consumption (kg water/kg H2): 10
 Water cost \$/metric ton of water: \$0.40
 Price of Renewable Electricity Purchases (total): \$0.129 \$/kWh

20-year (2025-2044) average electricity retail price (\$/kWh for C&I in MN): \$ 0.12 \$/kWh (base electricity price)

Incremental Electricity cost for renewable electricity via Windsorce (estimated net charge): \$ 0.0065 \$/kWh (used here because carbon-free power must be purchased for power to hydrogen pilots under Frameworks Order)

Xcel Energy's Windsorce subscriptions are available in 100 kilowatt-hour (kWh) blocks. The Windsorce charge includes a per block charge of \$3.53, less a credit for fuel costs. For Commercial and industrial demand customers, the average net charge in 2021 was \$0.65 per block. Actual costs will vary based on usage and monthly fuel credit variations. This cost is in addition to your current electric charges. If your electricity use is less than your Windsorce commitment in a given month, you will be charged only for what you use.

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:
Participant Non-Energy Savings, Size A	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per participant per year of pilot life
Participant Non-Energy Savings, Size B	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per participant per year of pilot life
Participant Non-Energy Savings, Size C	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per participant per year of pilot life

This includes any operating savings like water savings.

Calculations & Other Explanation:

Average Lifetime for Savings/Pilot Tech, Size A	20	years
Average Lifetime for Savings/Pilot Tech, Size B	20	years
Average Lifetime for Savings/Pilot Tech, Size C	20	years

Calculations & Other Explanation:

Avg. Dth/Participant Saved, Size A	4,232	Dth/Participant
Avg. Dth/Participant Saved, Size B	2,160	Dth/Participant
Avg. Dth/Participant Saved, Size C	-	Dth/Participant

Calculations & Other Explanation: Assumes that all H2 produced is blended into gas distribution system displacing natural gas use by CenterPoint customers.

	Electrolyzer Size (MW)	Installed Solar PV Capacity (MW)	Solar Capacity Factor (%)	Annual Solar Generation (MWh)	Additional green electricity purchases from grid (MWh)	Total electricity for Electrolyzers (MWh)	Annual Hydrogen Production (kg H2)	Annual Hydrogen Production (MMBtu)	Balance of Plant (BOP) Electricity Consumption (KWh)
Size A	1	1	19%	1,664	-	1,664	31,404	4,232	125,615
Size B	1	1	19%	1,664	6,658	8,322	157,019	2,160	628,075

Electricity consumption electrolyzer: 53 kWh/kg H2
Electricity consumption BOP: 4 kWh/kg H2
Heat content per Kg of H2 (HHV): 0.1348 MMBTU/kg

Target Electrolyzer Capacity Factor with Grid Purchases: 95%
Source: CenterPoint Experience
Additional annual electricity consumption for pilot B vs. A (kWh): 7,160,060
 63,481

Avg. Non-Gas Fuel Units/Part. Saved, Size A	0.00	kWh/Participant	<i>Units are kWh; could technically be other non-NG. Avg. Non-Gas Fuel Units/Part. Saved will be used in the Participant Cost tests for the NGIA evaluation criteria.</i>
Avg. Non-Gas Fuel Units/Part. Saved, Size B	0.00	kWh/Participant	
Avg. Non-Gas Fuel Units/Part. Saved, Size C	0.00	kWh/Participant	
Avg. Additional Non-Gas Fuel Units/Part.Used, Size A	-	kWh/Participant	<i>Avg. Additional Non-Gas Fuel Units/Part. Used will be used in the Participant Cost tests for the NGIA evaluation criteria.</i>
Avg. Additional Non-Gas Fuel Units/Part.Used, Size B	-	kWh/Participant	
Avg. Additional Non-Gas Fuel Units/Part.Used, Size C	-	kWh/Participant	

Calculations & Other Explanation: Additional electricity usage is reflected in costs above so as to not over-count emissions.

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5
Total Annual Dth Saved, Size A	-	-	4,232	-	-
Total Annual Dth Saved, Size B	-	-	2,160	-	-
Total Annual Dth Saved, Size C	-	-	-	-	-

Natural gas energy savings that result from multiplying savings per participant times the total number of new participants in a given year

Calculations & Other Explanation:

Grid Mix Scenario **NREL** *Not leveraged for GHG evaluation, which*

Select one of the listed grid mix scenarios taking into account that:

"Utilities shall use electric-utility-specific generation mix information for the renewable natural gas facility when it is reasonably available. When electric utility-specific information is not available, the filing gas utility will use a state-specific generation mix taken from National..."

From Frameworks Order: "Carbon-free electricity includes dedicated carbon-free generation, electricity purchased pursuant to a Commission approved green-tariff program, and, for approval on a case-by-case basis, other carbon-free generation supported by a demonstration that the greenhouse gas intensity of the connected electric grid is not adversely impacted."

Calculations & Other Explanation:

This section does not apply to all pilot types. The GHG changes from decreased natural gas and/or electricity consumption will be calculated based on values above. However, for pilots where NGIA requires lifecycle GHG savings (e.g. RNG, hydrogen, carbon capture) this section accounts for the lifecycle change in GHG emissions (per unit of participation).

Lifecycle GHG Intensity, Size A	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5
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LIFECYCLE GHG INTENSITY BY PROJECT SIZE	Low						kg CO2e/participant	
	Expected	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	kg CO2e/participant	
	High						kg CO2e/participant	
	Lifecycle GHG Intensity, Size B		Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	
	Low						kg CO2e/participant	
	Expected	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	kg CO2e/participant	
	High						kg CO2e/participant	
	Lifecycle GHG Intensity, Size C		Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	
	Low						kg CO2e/participant	
	Expected	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	kg CO2e/participant	
High						kg CO2e/participant		
Calculations & Other Explanation:								
		GHG Intensity			Using this calculation structure is optional; if modifications are needed, please use the hidden rows or raise with project leads.			
		Size A	Size B	Size C				
		kg CO2e/Dth						
Low Scenario								
Expected Scenario		-	-	-				
High Scenario								
Default Geologic Gas Emissions Factor		kg CO2e/Dth		66.14				

Utilities shall file a high, low, and expected greenhouse gas intensity for innovative resources included in a proposed Natural Gas Innovation Act innovation (NGIA) plan, where applicable. High and low scenarios shall incorporate at least low and high assumptions for electricity use and other fuels used in the resource's lifecycle. Expected greenhouse gas intensity values will be used in cost-benefit calculations and when determining the expected greenhouse gas reduction of pilot programs and NGIA plans.

From Frameworks Order: "Utilities may assume that hydrogen produced using carbon-free electricity has no greenhouse gas emissions associated with its production but may have greenhouse gas emissions associated with electricity used for compression, transportation, blending, injection, purification and pumping of water, or other purposes." NG Dth/year savings profiled will already be calculating GHG savings based on 66.14 factor.

OTHER PILOT-SPECIFIC PARAMETERS (formerly 'General Parameters' in CIP Calculator):

PEAK REDUCTION FACTOR	Peak Reduction Factor	1%	The estimated average annual effect of the project on system peak. It is estimated to be 1% for energy efficiency pilots. The method for other innovative resources should be considered in the context of specific utility proposals. Peak Reduction Factor will be used in the Utility Cost and Non Participant Cost tests for the NGIA evaluation criteria.				
	Calculations & Other Explanation:						
VARIABLE O&M	Values now linked directly back to planning assumptions tab (possible given the combination of formerly separate Exhibits P and N into a single file)						
	Variable O&M Cost, Applies to all project sizes	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:
		\$ 0.05	\$ 0.04	\$ 0.04	\$ 0.04	\$ 0.04	per Dth
Calculations & Other Explanation:							
	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	(for each pilot analysis year)	
	n/a	-5.250%	-5.250%	-5.250%	-5.250%		
NON-GAS FUEL COST	Non-Gas (i.e., Electric) Fuel Cost	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:					
		\$ 44.14	per MWh	The CIP methodology is used for all resources other than strategic electrification. The method for strategic electrification should be considered in the context of specific utility pilot proposals. equal to the average of daily real-time final market locational marginal prices (LMP) at the Minnesota Hub from January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022 using data from Midwest Independent System Operator (MISO)			
Calculations & Other Explanation:							
NON-GAS FUEL LOSS FACTOR	Non-Gas Fuel Loss Factor	8.22%					
	Calculations & Other Explanation:						

OTHER QUANTITATIVE CRITERIA:

OTHER NON-GHG POLLUTANTS	USD Cost Unit:								
	Other Non-GHG Pollutants, Size A	\$ (0.004)	per Dth	This is a net cost savings per Dth of natural gas saved. In addition to the 'other non-GHG pollutant' cost savings from reduced combustion of natural gas, which is calculated with in line with the CIP methodology, this pilot accounts for increased NOx emissions from the combustion of Hydrogen in place of natural gas. The valuation of NOx emissions comes from the same source, and the level of NOx emissions come from GREET. The negative net savings shown here reflects slightly higher cost increases from NOx combustion than the savings achieved (from multiple types of emissions) from reduced gas combustion. The natural gas factor is calculated using the final environmental cost values approved by Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (Commission). The factors are reported in 2021 dollars in Table 2 below, which were calculated by inflating the Commission's approved dollar per ton environmental cost values using escalation rate to adjust by observed inflation between 2014 and 2021. Stakeholders expressed a preference for allowing utilities to select different externality values for pilots targeting specific geographies or populations. For example, an energy efficiency project that targets an urban area might use the urban value rather than the metropolitan fringe value. Similarly, a project targeting a low-income population might use a high value rather than the median. Utilities can make deviations such as these in their NGIA plans if they can provide justification for the change. Instead of requiring the use of median metropolitan fringe values for all non-GHG pollutants, as shown in Table 1 of the Commission's January 3, 2018 Order in Docket No. E0999/C1-14-643, utilities may use the value most applicable for the pilot or measure.					
	Other Non-GHG Pollutants, Size B	\$ (0.004)	per Dth						
	Other Non-GHG Pollutants, Size C	\$ (0.004)	per Dth						
Calculations & Other Explanation:									
NET JOB CREATION	Year 1		Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Total during 5 program years	Remainder of project life	
	Net Direct Job Creation, Size A	0	1	4	1	1	7	7	10 # of jobs
	Net Direct Job Creation, Size B	1	1	6	2	2	12	12	31 # of jobs
	Net Direct Job Creation, Size C								# of jobs
	Year 1		Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Total during 5 program years	Remainder of project life	
	Net Indirect Job Creation, Size A	0	0	3	0	0	3	3	5 # of jobs
	Net Indirect Job Creation, Size B	0	0	6	3	3	12	12	47 # of jobs
	Net Indirect Job Creation, Size C								# of jobs
	Year 1		Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Total during 5 program years	Remainder of project life	
	Net Induced Job Creation, Size A	0	0	4	0	0	4	4	5 # of jobs
Net Induced Job Creation, Size A	0	0	5	2	2	9	9	36 # of jobs	
Net Induced Job Creation, Size A								# of jobs	

Utilities should consider both jobs created by proposed pilots and jobs that may be eliminated by proposed pilots.

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March 15th 2024 Update: Note that Net Job Creation impacts have not been updated with the current changes to this pilot.

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:		
PUBLIC CO-BENEFITS	Public Co-Benefits, Size A	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year	Quantifiable in some cases. If this metric isn't quantifiable, there is space for any qualitative comments in the Additional Qualitative Considerations section below.
	Public Co-Benefits, Size B	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year	
	Public Co-Benefits, Size C	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year	
	Calculations & Other Explanation:							
WATER POLLUTION	Water Pollution, Size A	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year	The legislation left the door open to quantify any costs and benefits on water pollution. This might be quantifiable for some of the projects. If this metric isn't quantifiable, there is space for any qualitative comments in the Additional Qualitative Considerations section below.
	Water Pollution, Size B	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year	
	Water Pollution, Size C	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year	
	Calculations & Other Explanation:							

ADDITIONAL QUALITATIVE CONSIDERATIONS:

NGIA Utility

Perspective Notes:

It is expected that most of the utility perspective costs and benefits will be quantifiable with and should be heavily informed by the structural values and CIP quantification methods.

Definition:

[Redacted]

NGIA Participants

Perspective Notes:

It is expected that many of the elements of the participant perspective, with respect to the direct effect of pilots, will be quantifiable and will rely on the structural values. Add here any information related to some direct effects of pilots on participants that may not be easily quantifiable. For example, increased comfort in a home and health benefits from pilots that improve indoor air quality are two examples of benefits that may be difficult to quantify.

Definition:

[Redacted]

NGIA

Nonparticipating Customers

Perspective Notes:

As with the utility perspective, the direct effects of pilot programs on non-participating customers should be quantified in most cases and can be heavily informed by structural values.

Definition:

Provides widespread benefits to all sales customers

[Redacted]

Effects on Other Energy Systems and Energy Security

Definition:

NGIA invites the Commission to consider how innovative resources fit into the energy system with a broader perspective than effects on the gas utility and its customers. Measures like strategic electrification specifically require gas utilities and the Commission to avoid negative effects on the electric system. Further, the NGIA empowers the Commission to consider a wide variety of "costs and benefits that may be expected under a plan," one of which is a reduction of reliance on imported resources and national fuel markets.

Fuel made in MN and reduces import of fuel from outside of MN; hydrogen may place burden on electric grid

[Redacted]

GHG Emissions

Notes:

An innovation plan must include the total lifecycle GHG emissions that the utility projects will be reduced or avoided through implementing the plan. This benefit should be generally quantifiable using the Commission-approved GHG accounting framework and GHG externality values. Note that this row also calls for discussion of any environmental justice effects of the pilot related to GHG emissions, these may not be quantifiable.

[Redacted]

Other Pollution

Notes:

Include any additional non-GHG environmental costs and benefits. For example, effects on water pollution that may not be quantifiable, or specific air quality benefits to a low income community. Note that this also calls for discussion of any environmental justice effects of the pilot related to non-GHG pollution.

[Redacted]

Waste Reduction and Reuse Notes:

Waste reduction, reuse, and anaerobic digestion are goals of the NGIA. Includes reduction of water use.

Definition:

[Redacted]

Policy Notes:

[Redacted]

Definition: NGIA is intended to help the state achieve certain environmental policy goals including geologic gas throughput reduction and increased use of renewable resources.
Reduces fossil gas throughput; increases use of renewable energy

Net Job Creation Notes:
Definition: An innovation plan must include, as applicable, "projected local job impacts resulting from implementation of the plan." Utilities should consider both jobs created by proposed pilots and jobs that may be eliminated by proposed pilots.
This type of project can create high-wage jobs during construction and also long-term employment options for high-skill, displaced workers from traditional energy industries (as the skillset from the coal, oil, gas, and petrochemical segments transfers directly to green H2 production).

Economic Development Notes:
Definition: The Commission must make a finding that the innovation plan "promotes local economic development." Creation of jobs is a form of economic development, but economic development is broader. For example, pilots that pay workers a living wage or support apprenticeships or training opportunities would provide additional economic benefits.
Will pay prevailing wages; will seek apprentices; will seek to hire from local community; will take advantage of higher IRA credits due to labor practices; hydrogen projects represent clean energy opportunity for workers from traditional fossil fuel jobs; will help MN build hydrogen workforce as hydrogen poised for growth due to IRA

Public Co-Benefits Notes:
Definition: There may be public benefits for certain pilots. For example, the NGIA is intended to help support wastewater treatment and organics recycling. This category could also include odor effects on Minnesota communities – either reductions in unpleasant odors or increased odor problems.

Market Development Notes:
Definition: The NGIA supports the development of new markets or expansion of markets in Minnesota. For example, utilities are required to describe whether proposed plans support the development of alternative agricultural products, as well as the geographic areas of the state where benefits are realized

Direct Innovation Support Notes:
Definition: This category is intended to answer how the proposed pilot supports the development and increased deployment of innovative resources beyond the direct program impacts. For example, research and development projects, which are permitted under the NGIA, are unlikely to produce significant benefits on their own but are intended to lead to future opportunities.
Opportunity for Company to learn about hydrogen blending, storage, and use of solar

Resource Scalability and Role in a Decarbonized System Notes:
Definition: While NGIA pilots may have small impacts in the near-term, stakeholders felt it was important for the Commission to consider the potential importance of each resource in a decarbonized energy system. The NGIA requires the Commission to consider changes to natural gas utility and regulatory policy structures needed to meet or exceed Minnesota's GHG reduction goals. NGIA pilots should provide valuable information to the Commission as it considers the energy future of the state.
Hydrogen poised to become more affordable and scalable as a result of IRA

DESCRIPTION	Pilot Project Code:	CNPO8	
	Pilot Project Name:	Green Hydrogen Archetype for Industrial or Large Commercial Facility	
	Customer Class/ Sector:	C&I	
	Low-Income Community Benefit?	N	
	Target Area:	Territory-wide	
	Primary Innovative Resource Category:	Power-to-Hydrogen	
	<i>Select primary Innovation Category. Others can be listed here:</i>		
	Pilot Description:	CenterPoint Energy would offer incentives covering a portion (100%, up to a max of \$1.5 million) of the equipment and installation costs of green hydrogen production systems (electrolyzers) for on-site use by industrial or large commercial customers, displacing natural gas use by these facilities. These systems would be installed onsite for 1-3 customers, who would own and operate the systems. CenterPoint has not yet identified specific customers for the projects, so a 5 MW "archetype" was chosen to assess to the pilot for the time being, considering that a number of existing customers should be large enough for that size of electrolyzer (some could be higher).	
	Overview of Program/Implementation Approach:	The projects would be expected to purchase renewable electricity from grid to supply the electrolyzers, and so even with potential IRA incentives and the upfront funding from CenterPoint Energy, participants in this pilot would be committing to a considerable cost increase in their electricity supply in order to decarbonize (part of) their heating load. Some additional programmatic support to identify potential sites and assist with feasibility studies for the projects is also envisioned. CenterPoint Energy would create a measurement and verification plan to monitor system performance for a period of time following installation.	
	Other Comments / Information:	Possible that some participants could be larger or smaller than the electrolyzer size below.	

KEY PILOT-SPECIFIC INPUTS:

NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS	Pilot Year		Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5			
	Calendar Year		2024	2025	2026	2027	2028			
	Participating Units, Size A		0	0	1	0	0	Incremental units added, annual (not cumulative).		
	Participating Units, Size B		0	0	1	1	0			
	Participating Units, Size C		0	0	1	1	1			
	<i>Unit of Participation = Industrial facilities installing 5MW electrolyzer</i>									
	Calculations & Other Explanation:	Assumes all H2 production onsite from electrolyzers, PEM electrolysis, contracted carbon free electricity rather than onsite generation								
	Balance of Plant electricity includes pumps, other electricity needed for hydrogen production:	Single Unit: Small PEM Electrolysis	5,000	kW electricity input		53	Electricity consumption electrolyzer kWh/kg H2		Size A	1 electrolyzer customer (total for 5 year plan)
			8	Electricity consumption BOP kWh/kg H2		61	Total Electricity consumption kWh/kg H2		Size B	2 electrolyzer customers (total for 5 year plan)
			95	Capacity kg H2 output/ hour					Size C	3 electrolyzer customers (total for 5 year plan)
This relates to industrial facility site's NG firing rate (facility scale); how much NG are you trying to displace w/ H2:		13	Capacity MMBtu H2 output HHV/ hour			134,762 Btu/kg H2, HHV				
By way of comparison, the AEO Reference Case annual capacity utilization rates for solar averages 23.5% and wind averages 37.4% in 2050. Combining solar & wind would increase these CUs.		38%	Annual capacity utilization for electrolyzer		315,973	Output kg/year				
		42,581	Output MMBtu HHV/year (for one electrolyzer)							

	Annual Total Utility Incremental Cost, Size A		Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:	
		\$	148,500	\$ 21,630	\$ 1,555,908	\$ 12,838	\$ 63,159	total cost per year	
	Annual Total Utility Incremental Cost, Size B	\$	148,500	\$ 24,130	\$ 1,555,908	\$ 1,558,705	\$ 115,288	total cost per year	
	Annual Total Utility Incremental Cost, Size C	\$	148,500	\$ 24,130	\$ 1,557,158	\$ 1,561,205	\$ 1,711,523	total cost per year	
	Fixed O&M Cost, Size A	\$	148,500	\$ 21,630	\$ 25,908	\$ 12,838	\$ 63,159	total cost per year	Fixed O&M Cost is the result of adding up Total Project Delivery, Advertising and Promotions, Utility Administration, Trade Ally Incentives, and
	Fixed O&M Cost, Size B	\$	148,500	\$ 24,130	\$ 25,908	\$ 28,705	\$ 115,288	total cost per year	Workforce Development of Market Transformation Cost
	Fixed O&M Cost, Size C	\$	148,500	\$ 24,130	\$ 27,158	\$ 31,205	\$ 181,523	total cost per year	
	Total Project Delivery, Size A	\$	146,000	\$ 21,630	\$ 25,908	\$ 12,838	\$ 63,159	per year	Total internal and external project delivery
	Total Project Delivery, Size B	\$	146,000	\$ 21,630	\$ 25,908	\$ 28,705	\$ 115,288	per year	
	Total Project Delivery, Size C	\$	146,000	\$ 21,630	\$ 25,908	\$ 28,705	\$ 181,523	per year	
Internal Project Delivery, Size A	\$	21,000	\$ 21,630	\$ 22,279	\$ 10,709	\$ 11,030	per year	CNP staff. These costs are sub-set of the Utility "Fixed O&M Cost" category above.	
Internal Project Delivery, Size B	\$	21,000	\$ 21,630	\$ 22,279	\$ 22,947	\$ 11,030	per year		
Internal Project Delivery, Size C	\$	21,000	\$ 21,630	\$ 22,279	\$ 22,947	\$ 23,366	per year		
External Project Delivery, Size A	\$	125,000	\$ -	\$ 3,629	\$ 2,129	\$ 52,129	per year	External vendor costs would include direct install costs where CHP reimburses the vendor. These costs are sub-set of the Utility "Fixed O&M Cost" category above.	
External Project Delivery, Size B	\$	125,000	\$ -	\$ 3,629	\$ 5,758	\$ 104,258	per year		
External Project Delivery, Size C	\$	125,000	\$ -	\$ 3,629	\$ 5,758	\$ 157,887	per year		
Advertising and Promotions, Size A	\$	2,500	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year	These costs are sub-set of the Utility "Fixed O&M Cost" category above.	
Advertising and Promotions, Size B	\$	2,500	\$ 2,500	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year		
Advertising and Promotions, Size C	\$	2,500	\$ 2,500	\$ 1,250	\$ 2,500	\$ -	per year		
Allocation of General Portfolio Costs, Size A	\$	-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year	Share of portfolio level costs, including plan development costs, regulatory costs, and general portfolio costs	
Allocation of General Portfolio Costs, Size B	\$	-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year		
Allocation of General Portfolio Costs, Size C	\$	-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year		
Trade Ally Incentives, Size A	\$	-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year	If applicable, include here the annual amount of trade ally incentives (e.g. midstream program)	
Trade Ally Incentives, Size B	\$	-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year		
Trade Ally Incentives, Size C	\$	-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year		

UTILITY PILOT COSTS

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:	
Workforce Development or Market Transformation Cost, Size A	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year	These costs are sub-set of the Utility "Fixed O&M Cost" category above.
Workforce Development or Market Transformation Cost, Size B	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year	
Workforce Development or Market Transformation Cost, Size C	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year	
Other Fixed O&M Cost, Size A	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year	These costs are sub-set of the Utility "Fixed O&M Cost" category above.
Other Fixed O&M Cost, Size B	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year	
Other Fixed O&M Cost, Size C	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year	
Total utility capital investment, Size A	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year	This tracks expectations for when this pilot would require capital investments from the utility, if applicable. This will not directly feed into the incremental costs for NGA, but instead will be used to estimate the timing and level of annual revenue requirement resulting from these capital investments (shown below).
Total utility capital investment, Size B	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year	
Total utility capital investment, Size C	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year	
Est. Annual Revenue Requirement for Capital Projects, Size A	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year	For capital projects, the incremental cost impact on the NGA budget is the annual revenue requirement (return of and on capital additions), as well as the utility "Fixed O&M Costs" captured above. This revenue requirement is calculated from the magnitude & timing of capital investment captured above, based on expected measure life (and depreciation time period), as well as the utility's return on investment.
Est. Annual Revenue Requirement for Capital Projects, Size B	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year	
Est. Annual Revenue Requirement for Capital Projects, Size C	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year	
Est. Total Revenue Requirement for Capital Projects, Size A	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year	The total revenue requirement is calculated from the magnitude & timing of total capital investment captured above, based on expected measure life (and depreciation time period), as well as the utility's return on investment. This cost is noted here for reference, it's not used to calculate any of the NGA evaluation criteria.
Est. Total Revenue Requirement for Capital Projects, Size B	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year	
Est. Total Revenue Requirement for Capital Projects, Size C	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year	
Incentives, Size A	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,530,000	\$ -	\$ -	per year	This tracks total incentives paid directly to customers (customer rebates like money, gift cards or other fungible payments, etc.) Do not include here cost of customer benefits delivered directly to the customer by a program vendor (paying for the cost of energy/GHG audits or direct install measures) or making a capital investment in a customer's project where the customer doesn't hold equipment ownership. Incentives will be used in the Participant Cost tests for the NGA evaluation criteria.
Incentives, Size B	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,530,000	\$ 1,530,000	\$ -	per year	
Incentives, Size C	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,530,000	\$ 1,530,000	\$ 1,530,000	per year	
Incentives per Participant, Size A	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	\$ 1,530,000	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	per participant per year	Incentives per participant is a function of total incentives paid directly to customers.
Incentives per Participant, Size B	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	\$ 1,530,000	\$ 1,530,000	#DIV/0!	per participant per year	
Incentives per Participant, Size C	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	\$ 1,530,000	\$ 1,530,000	\$ 1,530,000	per participant per year	
Calculations & Other Explanation:							
Single Unit: Small PEM Electrolysis	Assumes no compressor needed because H2 used onsite						
\$ 1,970.71	Total electrolyzer CapEx (\$/kW)						
\$ 9,853,568	Total electrolyzer CapEx (\$)						
\$ 1,971	Total investment cost in \$/kW electrolyzer input						
\$ 1.88	Total investment cost in \$/kg annual capacity						
\$ 88.17	Total investment cost in \$/MMBtu HHV annual capacity						
Support for Studies:	\$ 30,000	Full Study Cost: \$					200,000
Scoping Study / Customer Identification:	\$ 125,000						
CapEx Incentive, After Third Party Funding %:	100%	(up to \$15M cap)					
M-RETS RTC Registration Costs:	\$ 0.05	\$/Renewable Thermal Certificate (1 RTC = 1Dth)					
M-RETS Generator Registration Fee (One Time):	\$ 1,500.00						
M&V - Total Cost for Whole Pilot:	\$ 50,000						

TOTAL AND DIRECT PARTICIPANT PILOT COSTS

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:	
Total Pilot Upfront Costs, Size A	\$ 10,841,674	\$ 10,841,674	\$ 10,841,674	\$ 10,841,674	\$ 10,841,674	per participant	This represents the total equipment and installation costs for technologies implemented as part of this pilot (specifically non-utility capital projects that were captured separately above). This cost does not account for what portion of costs may be covered by utility incentives, nor include utility program admin costs.
Total Pilot Upfront Costs, Size B	\$ 10,841,674	\$ 10,841,674	\$ 10,841,674	\$ 10,841,674	\$ 10,841,674	per participant	
Total Pilot Upfront Costs, Size C	\$ 10,841,674	\$ 10,841,674	\$ 10,841,674	\$ 10,841,674	\$ 10,841,674	per participant	
Third Party Funding, Size A	\$ 8,699,856	\$ 8,699,856	\$ 8,699,856	\$ 8,699,856	\$ 8,699,856	per participant	If there are expectations for external funding sources (e.g. IRA, etc) account for those values here. This funding is noted here for reference, it's not used to calculate any of the NGA evaluation criteria.
Third Party Funding, Size B	\$ 8,699,856	\$ 8,699,856	\$ 8,699,856	\$ 8,699,856	\$ 8,699,856	per participant	
Third Party Funding, Size C	\$ 8,699,856	\$ 8,699,856	\$ 8,699,856	\$ 8,699,856	\$ 8,699,856	per participant	
Description of source of external funding:	Plan for this pilot is to take the IRA \$3/kg incentive, which will be calculated on an annual basis (not all paid upfront). As such the total funding from 10 years is included here, to be accounted for in appropriate cost effectiveness tests, but these values ARE NOT used to change the Direct Participant Upfront Costs below. Instead this 3rd party IRA funding is added as 'Participant Non-Energy Savings' in rows 203-205 below (where the 10 year value is divided by measure life, since this input is per year of pilot life).						
Direct Participant Pilot Costs, Size A	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 9,311,674	\$ -	\$ -	per participant	This represents the upfront costs to participants who participate in this pilot. This is a calculated value, where utility incentives are subtracted from the total upfront project costs. Direct Participant Pilot costs will be used in the Participant Cost tests for the NGA evaluation criteria. Note 1: some pilots taking a 'Direct Install' approach may see the utility covering all costs, with no upfront financial contribution from the participant. Note 2: you can still see some costs captured for Direct Participant Pilot costs in the Participant Cost tests for the NGA evaluation criteria.
Direct Participant Pilot Costs, Size B	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 9,311,674	\$ 9,311,674	\$ -	per participant	
Direct Participant Pilot Costs, Size C	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 9,311,674	\$ 9,311,674	\$ 9,311,674	per participant	
Calculations & Other Explanation:							
Escalation rate	3.82%	3.82%	3.82%	3.82%	3.82%	3.82%	(for each pilot analysis year)
IRA max credit value as \$3/kg H2 feasible when the hydrogen production carbon funding from IRA:	\$ 3.00	\$/kg H2 (assumes max)					
The above assumption assumes that IRA rules, which have not yet been announced, would allow grid connected facilities to procure renewables that count as low-carbon. We assume a low capacity factor (38%) to make that more feasible.							
Electrolyzer stack must be replaced after 10 years	10 yr	Stack cost as % of Capex		15%			
PV of stack replacement cost (\$)	\$ 788,106	Stack replacement cost		\$ 1,478,035			
		Stack life (hours)		80000			
		Weighted average real cost of capital		6.5%			

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:	
Participant Non-Energy Costs, Size A	\$ 3,288,011	\$ 3,288,011	\$ 3,288,011	\$ 3,288,011	\$ 3,288,011	per participant per year of pilot life	Increased electricity costs for renewable power purchases for the electrolyzer, increased operating and maintenance costs (O&M), and increased water costs. Electricity costs were included directly here because they expect to use a green tariff program to procure renewable electricity, while the default areas to enter increased electricity consumption below would automatically apply higher GHG emission factors for power generation. Participant Non-Energy Costs will be used in the Participant Cost tests for the NGA evaluation criteria.
Participant Non-Energy Costs, Size B	\$ 3,288,011	\$ 3,288,011	\$ 3,288,011	\$ 3,288,011	\$ 3,288,011	per participant per year of pilot life	
Participant Non-Energy Costs, Size C	\$ 3,288,011	\$ 3,288,011	\$ 3,288,011	\$ 3,288,011	\$ 3,288,011	per participant per year of pilot life	
Calculations & Other Explanation:							
	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5		

Escalation rate	3.82%	3.82%	3.82%	3.82%	3.82%	(for each pilot analysis year)
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For an escalation rate, we use the average of the 12-month percentage change in the "all items" consumer price index available from the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics, as reported in December for each of the last five years. Using the most recently available data.

PARTICIPANT NON-ENERGY COSTS	Base electricity + clean power opt-in cost (included here to avoid counting electricity against emissions)					
	20-year (2025-2044) average electricity retail price (\$/kWh for C&I in MN) \$	0.12	\$/kWh	(base electricity price)		
	Electricity cost for renewable electricity via Windsource (estimated net charge) \$	0.0065	\$/kWh	(used here because carbon-free power must)		
	Xcel Energy's Windsource subscriptions are available in 100 kilowatt-hour (kWh) blocks. The Windsource charge includes a per block charge of \$3.53, less a credit for fuel costs. For Commercial and industrial demand customers, the average net charge in 2021 was \$0.65 per block. Actual costs will vary based on usage and monthly fuel credit variations. This cost is in addition to your current electric charges. If your electricity use is less than your Windsource commitment in a given month, you will be charged only for what you use.					
	Water consumption (kg water/kg H2)	10				
Water cost \$/metric ton of water	\$0.40					
O&M as % of CapEx	8%					

PARTICIPANT NON-ENERGY SAVINGS		Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:	
	Participant Non-Energy Savings, Size A	\$ 473,960	\$ 473,960	\$ 473,960	\$ 473,960	\$ 473,960	\$ 473,960	per participant per year of pilot life
	Participant Non-Energy Savings, Size B	\$ 473,960	\$ 473,960	\$ 473,960	\$ 473,960	\$ 473,960	\$ 473,960	per participant per year of pilot life
	Participant Non-Energy Savings, Size C	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per participant per year of pilot life
<u>Calculations & Other Explanation:</u>		This area is used to include the IRA \$3/kg incentive, as it is an on-going cost savings (not upfront).						

This includes any operating savings like water savings.

PILOT LIFE	Average Lifetime for Savings/Pilot Tech, Size A	20	years
	Average Lifetime for Savings/Pilot Tech, Size B	20	years
	Average Lifetime for Savings/Pilot Tech, Size C	20	years
	<u>Calculations & Other Explanation:</u>		

NATURAL GAS ENERGY SAVINGS: AVG. Dth/PARTICIPANT SAVED	Avg. Dth/Participant Saved, Size A	42,581	Dth/Participant
	Avg. Dth/Participant Saved, Size B	42,581	Dth/Participant
	Avg. Dth/Participant Saved, Size C	42,581	Dth/Participant
	<u>Calculations & Other Explanation:</u>		Assumes no H2 storage (that all H2 produced is consumed at facility displacing natural gas combustion).

AVG. NON-GAS FUEL UNITS/PART.	Avg. Non-Gas Fuel Units/Part. Saved, Size A	0.00	kWh/Participant	Units are kWh; could technically be other non-NG. Avg. Non-Gas Fuel Units/Part. Saved will be used in the Participant Cost tests for the NGIA evaluation criteria.
	Avg. Non-Gas Fuel Units/Part. Saved, Size B	0.00	kWh/Participant	
	Avg. Non-Gas Fuel Units/Part. Saved, Size C	0.00	kWh/Participant	
	Avg. Additional Non-Gas Fuel Units/Part. Used, Size A	0.00	kWh/Participant	Avg. Additional Non-Gas Fuel Units/Part. Used will be used in the Participant Cost tests for the NGIA evaluation criteria.
	Avg. Additional Non-Gas Fuel Units/Part. Used, Size B	0.00	kWh/Participant	
	Avg. Additional Non-Gas Fuel Units/Part. Used, Size C	0.00	kWh/Participant	
<u>Calculations & Other Explanation:</u>		Additional electricity usage is reflected in costs above so as to not over-count emissions.		

TOTAL ANNUAL Dth SAVED		Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	
	Total Annual Dth Saved, Size A	-	-	42,581	-	-	Dth
	Total Annual Dth Saved, Size B	-	-	42,581	-	-	Dth
	Total Annual Dth Saved, Size C	-	-	42,581	42,581	42,581	Dth
<u>Calculations & Other Explanation:</u>		Natural gas energy savings that result from multiplying savings per participant times the total number of new participants in a given year					

GRID MIX SCENARIO	Grid Mix Scenario	INREL	Select one of the listed grid mix scenarios taking into account that: -Not leveraged for GHG evaluation, which -Utilities shall use electric-utility-specific generation mix information for the renewable natural gas facility when it is reasonably available. When electric utility specific information is not available, the filing gas utility will use a state-specific generation mix taken from National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL) Federal Reserve if the scenario used for electric utility specific information is not available to state that utility. Otherwise, the scenario to be used is a Commission-approved electric utility scenario with associated costs related to the scenario.
	<u>Calculations & Other Explanation:</u>		From Frameworks Order: "Carbon-free electricity includes dedicated carbon-free generation, electricity purchased pursuant to a Commission approved green-tariff program, and, for approval on a case-by-case basis, other carbon-free generation supported by a demonstration that the greenhouse gas intensity of the connected electric grid is not adversely impacted."

LIFECYCLE GHG INTENSITY BY PROJECT SIZE	This section does not apply to all pilot types. The GHG changes from decreased natural gas and/or electricity consumption will be calculated based on values above. However, for pilots where NGIA requires lifecycle GHG savings (e.g. RNG, hydrogen, carbon capture) this section accounts for the lifecycle change in GHG emissions (per unit of participation).																							
	Lifecycle GHG Intensity, Size A	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5																		
	Low						kg CO2e/participant																	
	Expected	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	kg CO2e/participant																	
	High						kg CO2e/participant																	
	Lifecycle GHG Intensity, Size B	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5																		
	Low						kg CO2e/participant																	
	Expected	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	kg CO2e/participant																	
	High						kg CO2e/participant																	
	Lifecycle GHG Intensity, Size C	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5																		
Low						kg CO2e/participant																		
Expected	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	kg CO2e/participant																		
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Utilities shall file a high, low, and expected greenhouse gas intensity for innovative resources included in a proposed Natural Gas Innovation Act (NGIA) plan, where applicable. High and low scenarios shall incorporate at least low and high assumptions for electricity use and other fuels used in the resource's lifecycle. Expected greenhouse gas intensity values will be used in cost-benefit calculations and when determining the expected greenhouse gas reduction of pilot programs and NGIA plans.

	Default Geologic Gas Emissions Factor	kg CO ₂ e/Dth	66.14
	From Frameworks Order: "Utilities may assume that hydrogen produced using carbon-free electricity has no greenhouse gas emissions associated with its production but may have greenhouse gas emissions associated with electricity used for compression, transportation, blending, injection, purification and pumping of water, or other purposes." NG Dth/year savings profiled will already be calculating GHG savings based on 66.14 factor.		

OTHER PILOT-SPECIFIC PARAMETERS (formerly 'General Parameters' in CIP Calculator):

PEAK REDUCTION FACTOR	Peak Reduction Factor	1%	The estimated average annual effect of the project on system peak. It is estimated to be 1% for energy efficiency pilots. The method for other innovative resources should be considered in the context of specific utility proposals. Peak Reduction Factor will be used in the Utility Cost and Non Participant Cost tests for the NGA evaluation criteria.
	<u>Calculations & Other Explanation:</u>		

VARIABLE O&M	Values now linked directly back to planning assumptions tab (possible given the combination of formerly separate Exhibits P and N into a single file)						
	Variable O&M Cost, Applies to all project sizes	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:
		\$ 0.05	\$ 0.04	\$ 0.04	\$ 0.04	\$ 0.04	per Dth
	<u>Calculations & Other Explanation:</u>						The CIP methodology is used for energy efficiency. However, the value for other innovative resources should be considered in the context of specific utility proposals. For example, resources like power-to-hydrogen and RNG may not decrease O&M costs as they also need to be transported to customers on the distribution system. Variable O&M will be used in the Utility Cost and Non Participant Cost tests for the NGA evaluation criteria. Annual Escalation Rate calculated using the average percent change in the price of natural gas between 2023 through 2027 to all users in the West No
	Escalation rate	n/a	-5.250%	-5.250%	-5.250%	-5.250%	(for each pilot analysis year)

NON-GAS FUEL COST	Non-Gas (i.e., Electric) Fuel Cost	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:	
		\$ 4.14	per MWh
	<u>Calculations & Other Explanation:</u>		The CIP methodology is used for all resources other than strategic electrification. The method for strategic electrification should be considered in the context of specific utility pilot proposals. equal to the average of daily real-time final market locational marginal prices (LMP) at the Minnesota Hub from January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022 using data from Midwest Independent System Operator (MISO)

NON-GAS FUEL LOSS FACTOR	Non-Gas Fuel Loss Factor	8.22%	
	<u>Calculations & Other Explanation:</u>		The CIP methodology is used for all resources other than strategic electrification. The method for strategic electrification should be considered in the context of specific utility pilot proposals. In the most recent CIP, Staff used the weighted average of the most recent loss factors reported by Minnesota Power, Xcel Energy and Otter Tail Power's reported 2021 transmission and distribution loss factors and weighting by the utilities' 2017-2019 average retail sales

OTHER QUANTITATIVE CRITERIA:

OTHER NON-GHG POLLUTANTS	Other Non-GHG Pollutants, Size A	USD Cost Unit:	
		\$ (0.004)	per Dth
	Other Non-GHG Pollutants, Size B	\$ (0.004)	per Dth
	Other Non-GHG Pollutants, Size C	\$ (0.004)	per Dth
	<u>Calculations & Other Explanation:</u>		This is a net cost savings per Dth of natural gas saved. In addition to the other non-GHG pollutant cost savings from reduced combustion of natural gas, which is calculated with in line with the CIP methodology, this pilot accounts for increased NOx emissions from the combustion of Hydrogen in place of natural gas. The valuation of NOx emissions comes from the same source, and the level of NOx emissions come from GREET. The negative net savings shown here reflects slightly higher cost increases from NOx combustion than the savings achieved from multiple types of emissions from reduced gas combustion. The natural gas factor is calculated using the final environmental cost values approved by Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (Commission). The factors are reported in 2021 dollars in Table 2 below, which were calculated by inflating the Commission's approved dollar per ton environmental cost values using escalation rate to adjust by observed inflation between 2014 and 2021. Stakeholders expressed a preference for allowing utilities to select different externality values for pilots targeting specific geographies or populations. For example, an energy efficiency project that targets an urban area might use the urban value rather than the metropolitan fringe value. Similarly, a project targeting a low-income population might use a high value rather than the median. Utilities can make deviations such as these in their NGA plans if they can provide justification for the change. Instead of requiring the use of median metropolitan fringe values for all non-GHG pollutants, as shown in Table 1 of the Commission's January 3, 2018 Order in Docket No. E1999/C1-14-643, utilities may use the value most applicable for the pilot or measure.
	Escalation rate from legislation	18.73%	2014 USD adjustment to 2021 USD For an escalation rate, we use the 12-month percentage change in the "all items" consumer price index available from the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics, as reported in December for each of the observed years from 2014 to 2021. Using the most recently available data.

NET JOB CREATION	Net Direct Job Creation, Size A	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Total during 5 program years	Remainder of project life	
		1	20	6	6	6	39	125	# of jobs
	Net Direct Job Creation, Size B	1	0	45	32	11	89	241	# of jobs
	Net Direct Job Creation, Size C	1	0	24	27	35	87	281	# of jobs
									Utilities should consider both jobs created by proposed pilots and jobs that may be eliminated by proposed pilots.
	Net Indirect Job Creation, Size A	0	12	4	4	4	24	75	# of jobs
	Net Indirect Job Creation, Size B	0	0	27	19	6	52	145	# of jobs
	Net Indirect Job Creation, Size C	0	0	14	17	20	51	169	# of jobs
									Utilities should consider both jobs created by proposed pilots and jobs that may be eliminated by proposed pilots.
	Net Induced Job Creation, Size A	0	16	5	4	4	28	91	# of jobs
	Net Induced Job Creation, Size B	0	0	34	24	8	66	176	# of jobs
	Net Induced Job Creation, Size A	0	0	18	21	25	64	213	# of jobs
	<u>Calculations & Other Explanation:</u>							Job numbers are estimated as Full Time Equivalents (FTE) and are rounded off.	

PUBLIC CO-BENEFITS	Public Co-Benefits, Size A	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:	
		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year	
	Public Co-Benefits, Size B	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year	
	Public Co-Benefits, Size C	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year	
	<u>Calculations & Other Explanation:</u>							Quantifiable in some cases. If this metric isn't quantifiable, there is space for any qualitative comments in the Additional Qualitative Considerations section below.

WATER POLLUTION	Water Pollution, Size A	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:	
		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year	
	Water Pollution, Size B	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year	
	Water Pollution, Size C	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year	
	<u>Calculations & Other Explanation:</u>							The legislation left the door open to quantify any costs and benefits on water pollution. This might be quantifiable for some of the projects. If this metric isn't quantifiable, there is space for any qualitative comments in the Additional Qualitative Considerations section below.

ADDITIONAL QUALITATIVE CONSIDERATIONS:

NGIA Utility

Perspective Notes:

It is expected that most of the utility perspective costs and benefits will be quantifiable with and should be heavily informed by the structural values and CIP quantification methods.

Definition:

[Redacted]

NGIA Participants

Perspective Notes:

It is expected that many of the elements of the participant perspective, with respect to the direct effect of pilots, will be quantifiable and will rely on the structural values. Add here any information related to some direct effects of pilots on participants that may not be easily quantifiable. For example, increased comfort in a home and health benefits from pilots that improve indoor air quality are two examples of benefits that may be difficult to quantify.

May assist MN businesses in achieving GHG goals

[Redacted]

NGIA

Nonparticipating Customers

Perspective Notes:

As with the utility perspective, the direct effects of pilot programs on non-participating customers should be quantified in most cases and can be heavily informed by structural values.

Definition:

[Redacted]

Effects on Other Energy Systems and Energy Security:

Definition:

NGIA invites the Commission to consider how innovative resources fit into the energy system with a broader perspective than effects on the gas utility and its customers. Measures like strategic electrification specifically require gas utilities and the Commission to avoid negative effects on the electric system. Further, the NGIA empowers the Commission to consider a wide variety of "costs and benefits that may be expected under a plan," one of which is a reduction of reliance on imported resources and national fuel markets.

Fuel made in MN and reduces import of fuel from outside of MN; hydrogen production may place burden on electric grid

[Redacted]

GHG Emissions

Notes:

An innovation plan must include the total lifecycle GHG emissions that the utility projects will be reduced or avoided through implementing the plan. This benefit should be generally quantifiable using the Commission-approved GHG accounting framework and GHG externality values. Note that this row also calls for discussion of any environmental justice effects of the pilot related to GHG emissions, these may not be quantifiable.

[Redacted]

Other Pollution

Notes:

Include any additional non-GHG environmental costs and benefits. For example, effects on water pollution that may not be quantifiable, or specific air quality benefits to a low income community. Note that this also calls for discussion of any environmental justice effects of the pilot related to non-GHG pollution.

[Redacted]

Waste Reduction and Reuse Notes:

Definition:

Waste reduction, reuse, and anaerobic digestion are goals of the NGIA. Includes reduction of water use.

[Redacted]

Policy Notes:

Definition:

NGIA is intended to help the state achieve certain environmental policy goals including geologic gas throughput reduction and increased use of renewable resources.

Reduces fossil gas throughput; increases use of renewable energy

[Redacted]

Net Job Creation

Notes:

An innovation plan must include, as applicable, "projected local job impacts resulting from implementation of the plan." Utilities should consider both jobs created by proposed pilots and jobs that may be eliminated by proposed pilots.

Definition:

[Redacted]

Economic Development

Notes:

Definition:

The Commission must make a finding that the innovation plan "promotes local economic development." Creation of jobs is a form of economic development, but economic development is broader. For example, pilots that pay workers a living wage or support apprenticeships or training opportunities would provide additional economic benefits. Likely that many projects will satisfy IRA labor requirements; hydrogen projects represent clean energy opportunity for workers from traditional fossil fuel jobs; will help MN build hydrogen workforce as hydrogen poised for growth due to IRA

[Redacted]

Public Co-Benefits

Notes:

Definition:

There may be public benefits for certain pilots. For example, the NGIA is intended to help support wastewater treatment and organics recycling. This category could also include odor effects on Minnesota communities – either reductions in unpleasant odors or increased odor problems.

Market Development

Notes:

Definition:

The NGIA supports the development of new markets or expansion of markets in Minnesota. For example, utilities are required to describe whether proposed plans support the development of alternative agricultural products, as well as the geographic areas of the state where benefits are realized
May help MN businesses appeal to customers interested in sustainability

Direct Innovation

Support Notes:

Definition:

This category is intended to answer how the proposed pilot supports the development and increased deployment of innovative resources beyond the direct program impacts. For example, research and development projects, which are permitted under the NGIA.40 are unlikely to produce significant benefits on their own but are intended to lead to future opportunities.

Opportunity for customers to learn about novel options for reducing GHGs from their systems

Resource

Scalability and Role

in a Decarbonized

System Notes:

Definition:

While NGIA pilots may have small impacts in the near-term, stakeholders felt it was important for the Commission to consider the potential importance of each resource in a decarbonized energy system. The NGIA requires the Commission to consider changes to natural gas utility and regulatory policy structures needed to meet or exceed Minnesota's GHG reduction goals. NGIA pilots should provide valuable information to the Commission as it considers the energy future of the state.

Hydrogen poised to become more affordable and scalable as a result of IRA; hydrogen may be best decarb options for high heat load processes

UTILITY PILOT COSTS

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:	
Allocation of General Portfolio Costs, Size A						per year	Share of portfolio level costs, including plan development costs, regulatory costs, and general portfolio costs
Allocation of General Portfolio Costs, Size B						per year	
Allocation of General Portfolio Costs, Size C						per year	
Trade Ally Incentives, Size A	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year	If applicable, include here the annual amount of trade ally incentives (e.g. midstream program)
Trade Ally Incentives, Size B	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year	
Trade Ally Incentives, Size C	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year	
Workforce Development or Market Transformation Cost, Size A	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year	These costs are sub-set of the Utility "Fixed O&M Cost" category above.
Workforce Development or Market Transformation Cost, Size B	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year	
Workforce Development or Market Transformation Cost, Size C	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year	
Other Fixed O&M Cost, Size A	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year	These costs are sub-set of the Utility "Fixed O&M Cost" category above.
Other Fixed O&M Cost, Size B	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year	
Other Fixed O&M Cost, Size C	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year	
Total utility capital investment, Size A	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year	This tracks expectations for when this pilot would require capital investments from the utility, if applicable. This will not directly feed into the incremental costs for NGIA, but instead will be used to estimate the timing and level of annual revenue requirement resulting from these capital investments (shown below)
Total utility capital investment, Size B	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year	
Total utility capital investment, Size C	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year	
Est. Annual Revenue Requirement for Capital Projects, Size A	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year	For capital projects, the incremental cost impact on the NGIA budget is the annual revenue requirement (return of and on capital additions), as well as the utility "Fixed O&M Costs" captured above. This revenue requirement is calculated from the magnitude & timing of capital investment captured above, based on expected
Est. Annual Revenue Requirement for Capital Projects, Size B	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year	
Est. Annual Revenue Requirement for Capital Projects, Size C	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year	
Est. Total Revenue Requirement for Capital Projects, Size A	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year	The total revenue requirement is calculated from the magnitude & timing of total capital investment captured above, based on expected measure life (and depreciation time period), as well as the utility's return on investment. This cost is noted here for reference, it's not used to calculate any of the NGIA evaluation
Est. Total Revenue Requirement for Capital Projects, Size B	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year	
Est. Total Revenue Requirement for Capital Projects, Size C	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year	
Incentives, Size A	\$ 37,676	\$ 37,676	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year	This tracks total incentives paid directly to customers (customer rebates like money, gift cards or other fungible payments, etc). Do not include here cost of customer benefits delivered directly to the customer by a program vendor (paying for the cost of energy/GHG audits or smart install measures) or making a rental
Incentives, Size B	\$ 37,676	\$ 37,676	\$ 37,676	\$ 37,676	\$ 37,676	per year	
Incentives, Size C	\$ 75,351	\$ 75,351	\$ 75,351	\$ 75,351	\$ 75,351	per year	
Incentives per Participant, Size A	\$ 1,507	\$ 1,507	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	per participant per year	Incentives per participant is a function of total incentives paid directly to customers.
Incentives per Participant, Size B	\$ 1,507	\$ 1,507	\$ 1,507	\$ 1,507	\$ 1,507	per participant per year	
Incentives per Participant, Size C	\$ 1,507	\$ 1,507	\$ 1,507	\$ 1,507	\$ 1,507	per participant per year	

TOTAL AND DIRECT PARTICIPANT PILOT COSTS

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:	
Total Pilot Upfront Costs, Size A	\$ 12,000	\$ 12,458	\$ 12,934	\$ 13,428	\$ 13,941	per participant	This represents the total equipment and installation costs for technologies implemented as part of this pilot (specifically non-utility capital projects that were captured separately above). This cost does not account for what portion of costs may be covered by utility incentives, nor include utility program admin costs
Total Pilot Upfront Costs, Size B	\$ 12,000	\$ 12,458	\$ 12,934	\$ 13,428	\$ 13,941	per participant	
Total Pilot Upfront Costs, Size C	\$ 12,000	\$ 12,458	\$ 12,934	\$ 13,428	\$ 13,941	per participant	
Third Party Funding, Size A	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per participant	If there are expectations for external funding sources (e.g. IRA, etc) account for those values here. This funding is noted here for reference, it's not used to calculate any of the NGIA evaluation criteria.
Third Party Funding, Size B	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per participant	
Third Party Funding, Size C	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per participant	
Description of source of external funding:	IRA, etc						
Direct Participant Pilot Costs, Size A	\$ 3,493	\$ 3,684	\$ 3,882	\$ 4,088	\$ 4,302	per participant	This represents the upfront costs to participants who participate in this pilot. This is a calculated value, where utility incentives are subtracted from the total upfront project costs. Direct Participant Pilot costs will be used in the Participant Cost tests for the NGIA evaluation criteria. Note: Some pilots taking a "Direct Install" approach
Direct Participant Pilot Costs, Size B	\$ 3,493	\$ 3,684	\$ 3,882	\$ 4,088	\$ 4,302	per participant	
Direct Participant Pilot Costs, Size C	\$ 3,493	\$ 3,684	\$ 3,882	\$ 4,088	\$ 4,302	per participant	
Escalation rate	3.82%	3.82%	3.82%	3.82%	3.82%	(for each pilot analysis year)	For an escalation rate, we use the average of the 12-month percentage change in the "all items" consumer price index available from the United States Bureau of Economic Analysis
Cost of onsite sweep survey per customer:	\$7,000	\$7,267	\$7,545	\$7,833	\$8,132	Covered by Pilot	
Cost for 1-year on-going vendor planning support:	\$6,000	\$6,229	\$6,467	\$6,714	\$6,971	Covered by Pilot	
Assumed customer leak repair costs:	\$5,000	\$5,191	\$5,389	\$5,595	\$5,809	Customer cost, incentive in next row	
Total Incentives for Customer Leak Repairs (per customer):	\$1,507	\$1,507	\$1,507	\$1,507	\$1,507	Covered by Pilot	
Leak repair incentives:	\$0.50 \$ / annual therm savings						
Participant Non-Energy Costs, Size A	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per participant per year of pilot life	This includes any increased in costs like equipment operating costs or increased

PARTICIPANT NON-ENERGY COSTS	Participant Non-Energy Costs, Size B	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per participant per year of pilot life	water costs. Participant Non-Energy Costs will be used in the Participant Cost tests for the NGIA evaluation criteria.	
	Participant Non-Energy Costs, Size C	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per participant per year of pilot life		
Calculations & Other Explanation:		Escalation rate					(for each pilot analysis year)		For an escalation rate, we use the average of the 12-month percentage change in the "all items" consumer price index available from the United States Bureau of
		Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5			
			3.82%	3.82%	3.82%	3.82%	3.82%		
PARTICIPANT NON-ENERGY SAVINGS	Participant Non-Energy Savings, Size A	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per participant per year of pilot life	This includes any operating savings like water savings.	
	Participant Non-Energy Savings, Size B	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per participant per year of pilot life		
	Participant Non-Energy Savings, Size C	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per participant per year of pilot life		
Calculations & Other Explanation:									
PILOT LIFE	Average Lifetime for Savings/Pilot Tech, Size A	5		years					
	Average Lifetime for Savings/Pilot Tech, Size B	5		years					
	Average Lifetime for Savings/Pilot Tech, Size C	5		years					
Calculations & Other Explanation:		There is little publicly available information on how long the leaks would have remained un-repaired. RFI respondent suggested a range of 5 to 8 years might be appropriate. Pilot is being designed to build better understanding of how commonly new leaks form, and how long repairs are maintained.							
NATURAL GAS ENERGY SAVINGS: AVG. Dth/PARTICIPANT SAVED	Avg. Dth/Participant Saved, Size A	301		Dth/Participant		Note, only accounting for savings from the first sweep at a given site (given that these savings are assumed to persist), not accounting for savings from follow-up sweeps.			
	Avg. Dth/Participant Saved, Size B	301		Dth/Participant					
	Avg. Dth/Participant Saved, Size C	301		Dth/Participant					
	Calculations & Other Explanation:								
Average 2022 Gas Consumption for CenterPoint's largest 200 customers:		120,562		Dth/year					
Assumed level of reduction in methane leaks:		0.25%		% of customer gas consumption		<p>Source: this is an assumption being made in an area where there is a lot of uncertainty. This testing in this pilot would quantify the leaks that are identified so that actual reductions can be reported for NGIA savings. The RFI respondent initially proposed that a higher level of leak reduction might be possible, so this could be viewed as conservative (i.e., GHG reduction impacts may be higher than what is calculated here, if leak reduction rates are higher).</p> <p>One EPA estimate of methane leaks from industrial facilities pegged the rate at up to 5%, however this work was concentrated on refineries, and we do not expect this level to be common at most industrial facilities (EPA document Leak Detection and Repair Compliance Assistance Guidance Best Practices Guide: https://www.epa.gov/sites/default/files/2014-02/documents/ldarguide.pdf)</p> <p>Other work in California, in the commercial sector, has found leak rates ranging between 0.14% and 0.28% of total customer consumption (https://www.energy.ca.gov/sites/default/files/2021-05/CEC-500-2020-048.pdf)</p> <p>Estimates here are further complicated by the fact that in some studies many facilities might have no/minimal leaks, while a few facilities make up the majority of total leaks.</p>			
AVG. NON-GAS FUEL UNITS/PART.	Avg. Non-Gas Fuel Units/Part. Saved, Size A	0.00		kWh/Participant		Units are kWh; could technically be other non-NG. Avg. Non-Gas Fuel Units/Part. Saved will be used in the Participant Cost tests for the NGIA evaluation criteria.			
	Avg. Non-Gas Fuel Units/Part. Saved, Size B	0.00		kWh/Participant					
	Avg. Non-Gas Fuel Units/Part. Saved, Size C	0.00		kWh/Participant					
	Calculations & Other Explanation:								
AVG. ADDITIONAL NON-GAS FUEL UNITS/PART.	Avg. Additional Non-Gas Fuel Units/Part.Used, Size A	0.00		kWh/Participant		Avg. Additional Non-Gas Fuel Units/Part. Used will be used in the Participant Cost tests for the NGIA evaluation criteria.			
	Avg. Additional Non-Gas Fuel Units/Part.Used, Size B	0.00		kWh/Participant					
	Avg. Additional Non-Gas Fuel Units/Part.Used, Size C	0.00		kWh/Participant					
	Calculations & Other Explanation:		The sweeps may also be able to uncover leaks in refrigerants. However the potential volumes, savings, and likelihood of repairs are unclear for refrigerant leaks, so these benefits are conservatively being assumed to be zero for now.						
		No electricity savings							
TOTAL ANNUAL Dth SAVED	Total Annual Dth Saved, Size A	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Dth	Natural gas energy savings that result from multiplying savings per participant times the total	
	Total Annual Dth Saved, Size B	7,535	7,535	-	-	-	Dth		
	Total Annual Dth Saved, Size C	7,535	7,535	7,535	7,535	7,535	Dth		
		15,070	15,070	15,070	15,070	15,070	Dth		
Calculations & Other Explanation:									
GRID MIX SCENARIO	Grid Mix Scenario	No Electricity Impact		Select one of the listed grid mix scenarios taking into account that:					
	Calculations & Other Explanation:		Utilities shall use electric-utility-specific generation mix information for the renewable natural gas facility when it is reasonably available. When electric utility-specific information is not available, the filing gas utility will use a state-specific generation mix from National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL) Standard Scenario. If the available natural gas facility is using a higher percentage of carbon free electricity than is						

This section does not apply to all pilot types. The GHG changes from decreased natural gas and/or electricity consumption will be calculated based on values above. However, for pilots where NGIA requires lifecycle GHG savings (e.g. RNG, hydrogen, carbon capture) this section accounts for the lifecycle change in GHG emissions (per unit of participation).

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	
Lifecycle GHG Intensity, Size A						
Low						kg CO2e/participant
Expected	115,116	115,116	115,116	115,116	115,116	kg CO2e/participant
High						kg CO2e/participant
Lifecycle GHG Intensity, Size B						
Low						kg CO2e/participant
Expected	115,116	115,116	115,116	115,116	115,116	kg CO2e/participant
High						kg CO2e/participant
Lifecycle GHG Intensity, Size C						
Low						kg CO2e/participant
Expected	115,116	115,116	115,116	115,116	115,116	kg CO2e/participant
High						kg CO2e/participant

Utilities shall file a high, low, and expected greenhouse gas intensity for innovative resources included in a proposed Natural Gas Innovation Act innovation (NGIA) plan, where applicable. High and low scenarios shall incorporate at least low and high assumptions for electricity use and other fuels used in the resource's lifecycle. Expected greenhouse gas intensity values will be used in cost-benefit calculations and when determining the expected greenhouse gas reduction of pilot programs

Calculations & Other Explanation:

Conversions	Factor	Units
Density of Methane at 60 degrees F and 14.7 psia	0.0192	kg/scf(MT/MCF)
Methane 100 years GWP	29.8	REET 2022 default to AR6
Methane Composition for sales gas	84.5%	%

Calculations in this section take the assume reduction in natural gas leaks (in Dth/year), convert that to a volume of natural gas (cf), then take the methane fraction of that gas, calculate the mass of methane emissions (kg) to atmosphere that have been avoided, and apply a global warming potential (GWP) to convert those units into kg CO2e. This represents the GHG emission reduction from avoiding these methane leaks. The natural gas combustion emission factor (66.14) is then subtracted from these savings simply because the spreadsheet these numbers feed into will automatically add that same amount of savings for this pilot (when there are no actual reductions in combustion emissions in this pilot).

	kg CO2e/Dth
Default Geologic Gas Emissions Factor:	66.14

OTHER PILOT-SPECIFIC PARAMETERS (formerly 'General Parameters' in CIP Calculator):

PEAK REDUCTION FACTOR	Peak Reduction Factor	1%	<i>The estimated average annual effect of the project on system peak. It is estimated to be 1% for energy efficiency pilots. The method for other innovative resources should be considered in the context of specific utility proposals. Peak Reduction Factor will be used in the Utility Cost and Non Participant Cost tests for the NGIA evaluation criteria.</i>												
	Calculations & Other Explanation:														
VARIABLE O&M	Variable O&M Cost, Applies to all project sizes	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Year 1</th> <th>Year 2</th> <th>Year 3</th> <th>Year 4</th> <th>Year 5</th> <th>USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>\$ 0.05</td> <td>\$ 0.04</td> <td>\$ 0.04</td> <td>\$ 0.04</td> <td>\$ 0.04</td> <td>per Dth</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:	\$ 0.05	\$ 0.04	\$ 0.04	\$ 0.04	\$ 0.04	per Dth	<i>The CIP methodology is used for energy efficiency. However, the value for other innovative resources should be considered in the context of specific utility proposals. For example, resources like power-to-hydrogen and RNG may not decrease O&M costs as they also need to be transported to customers on the Annual Escalation Rate calculated using the average percent change in the price of n.</i>
Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:										
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NON-GAS FUEL COST	Non-Gas (i.e., Electric) Fuel Cost	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>\$ 44.14 per MWh</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:	\$ 44.14 per MWh	<i>The CIP methodology is used for all resources other than strategic electrification. The method for strategic electrification should be considered in the context of specific utility pilot proposals. equal to the average of daily real-time final market locational marginal prices (LMP) at the Minnesota Hub from January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022 using data from Midwest Independent System Operator (MISO)</i>										
USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:															
\$ 44.14 per MWh															
	Calculations & Other Explanation:														
NON-GAS FUEL LOSS FACTOR	Non-Gas Fuel Loss Factor	8.22%	<i>The CIP methodology is used for all resources other than strategic electrification. The method for strategic electrification should be considered in the context of specific utility pilot proposals. In the most recent CIP, Staff used the weighted average of the most recent loss factors reported by Minnesota Power, Xcel Energy, and Otter Tail Power's reported 2021 transmission and distribution loss factors and weighting by the utilities' 2017-2019 average retail sales</i>												
	Calculations & Other Explanation:														

OTHER QUANTITATIVE CRITERIA:

	USD Cost Unit:	
Other Non-GHG Pollutants, Size A	\$ 0.37	per Dth
Other Non-GHG Pollutants, Size B	\$ 0.37	per Dth
Other Non-GHG Pollutants, Size C	\$ 0.37	per Dth

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Calculations & Other Explanation:

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Total during 5 program years	Remainder of project life	
Net Direct Job Creation, Size A	3	3	1	1	1	9	0	# of jobs
Net Direct Job Creation, Size B	5	5	8	8	11	37	4	# of jobs
Net Direct Job Creation, Size C	3	3	4	4	5	18	1	# of jobs
NET JOB CREATION								
Net Indirect Job Creation, Size A	1	1	1	1	1	5	0	# of jobs
Net Indirect Job Creation, Size B	1	1	2	2	2	8	1	# of jobs
Net Indirect Job Creation, Size C	2	3	4	4	5	17	1	# of jobs
Net Induced Job Creation, Size A	2	2	1	1	1	7	0	# of jobs
Net Induced Job Creation, Size B	2	2	3	3	3	13	1	# of jobs
Net Induced Job Creation, Size A	3	3	5	5	7	22	1	# of jobs

Calculations & Other Explanation:
 Job numbers are estimated as Full Time Equivalents (FTE) and are rounded off.

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Public Co-Benefits, Size A	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year	Quantifiable in some cases. If this metric isn't quantifiable, there is space for any qualitative comments in the Additional Qualitative Considerations section below.
Public Co-Benefits, Size B	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year	
Public Co-Benefits, Size C	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year	

Calculations & Other Explanation:

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:	
Water Pollution, Size A	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year	The legislation left the door open to quantify any costs and benefits on water pollution. This might be quantifiable for some of the projects. If this metric isn't quantifiable, there is space for any qualitative comments in the Additional Qualitative Considerations section below.
Water Pollution, Size B	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year	
Water Pollution, Size C	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year	

Calculations & Other Explanation:

ADDITIONAL QUALITATIVE CONSIDERATIONS:

NGIA Utility Perspective Notes:
 It is expected that most of the utility perspective costs and benefits will be quantifiable with and should be heavily informed by the structural values and CIP quantification methods.

NGIA Participants' Perspective Notes:
 It is expected that many of the elements of the participant perspective, with respect to the direct effect of pilots, will be quantifiable and will rely on the structural values. Add here any information related to some direct effects of pilots on participants that may not be easily quantifiable. For example, increased comfort in a home and health benefits from pilots that improve indoor air quality are two examples of benefits that may be difficult to quantify.
 May assist MN businesses in achieving GHG goals; may improve workplace safety

NGIA Nonparticipating Customers' Perspective Notes:
 As with the utility perspective, the direct effects of pilot programs on non-participating customers should be quantified in most cases and can be heavily informed by structural values.

Effects on Other Energy Systems and Energy Security:

NGIA invites the Commission to consider how innovative resources fit into the energy system with a broader perspective than effects on the gas utility and its customers. Measures like strategic electrification specifically require gas utilities and the Commission to avoid negative effects on the electric system. Further, the NGIA empowers the Commission to consider a wide variety of "costs and benefits that may be expected under a plan," one of which is a reduction of reliance on imported resources and national fuel markets.

GHG Emissions

Notes:

Definition: An innovation plan must include the total lifecycle GHG emissions that the utility projects will be reduced or avoided through implementing the plan. This benefit should be generally quantifiable using the Commission-approved GHG accounting framework and GHG externality values. Note that this row also calls for discussion of any environmental justice effects of the pilot related to GHG emissions, these may not be quantifiable.

Quantified benefits do not include avoided refrigerant leaks

Other Pollution

Notes:

Definition: Include any additional non-GHG environmental costs and benefits. For example, effects on water pollution that may not be quantifiable, or specific air quality benefits to a low income community. Note that this also calls for discussion of any environmental justice effects of the pilot related to non-GHG pollution.

Waste Reduction

and Reuse Notes:

Waste reduction, reuse, and anaerobic digestion are goals of the NGIA.

Definition: Includes reduction of water use.

Policy Notes:

NGIA is intended to help the state achieve certain environmental policy goals including geologic gas throughput reduction and increased use of renewable resources.

Definition: Reduces fossil gas throughput

Net Job Creation

Notes:

An innovation plan must include, as applicable, "projected local job impacts resulting from implementation of the plan." Utilities should consider both jobs created by proposed pilots and jobs that may be eliminated by proposed pilots.

Economic

Development Notes:

Definition: The Commission must make a finding that the innovation plan "promotes local economic development." Creation of jobs is a form of economic development, but economic development is broader. For example, pilots that pay workers a living wage or support apprenticeships or training opportunities would provide additional economic benefits.

Public Co-Benefits

Notes:

Definition: There may be public benefits for certain pilots. For example, the NGIA is intended to help support wastewater treatment and organics recycling. This category could also include odor effects on Minnesota communities – either reductions in unpleasant odors or increased odor problems.

Market Development

Notes:

Definition: The NGIA supports the development of new markets or expansion of markets in Minnesota. For example, utilities are required to describe whether proposed plans support the development of alternative agricultural products, as well as the geographic areas of the state where benefits are realized
May help MN businesses appeal to customers interested in sustainability

Direct Innovation

Support Notes:

Definition: This category is intended to answer how the proposed pilot supports the development and increased deployment of innovative resources beyond the direct program impacts. For example, research and development projects, which are permitted under the NGIA,40 are unlikely to produce significant benefits on their own but are intended to lead to future opportunities.

Opportunity for customers to learn about novel options for reducing GHGs from their systems; will reduce uncertainty about GHG potential of leak detection programs

Resource Scalability
and Role in a
Decarbonized
System Notes:
Definition:

While NGIA pilots may have small impacts in the near-term, stakeholders felt it was important for the Commission to consider the potential importance of each resource in a decarbonized energy system. The NGIA requires the Commission to consider changes to natural gas utility and regulatory policy structures needed to meet or exceed Minnesota's GHG reduction goals. NGIA pilots should provide valuable information to the Commission as it considers the energy future of the state.
Even in full decarbonized system likely to have some methane gas and continuing need for leak detection



CNPIO – Urban Tree Carbon Offset Program

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DESCRIPTION	Pilot Project Code:	CNPIO
	Pilot Project Name:	Urban Tree Carbon Offset Program
	Customer Class/ Sector:	C&I & Res
	Low-Income Community Benefit?	Y
Target Area:	Urban	
Primary Innovative Resource Category:	Carbon Capture	Select primary Innovation Category. Others can be listed here: <input type="text"/>
Pilot Description:		
Local non-profit Green Minneapolis, which is working in partnership with the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board ("MPRB"), is selling registered City Forest Credits for trees planted in Minneapolis between 2019 and 2021. Under this pilot, CenterPoint Energy will purchase these credits and retire them on behalf of CenterPoint Energy customers.		
Overview of Program/ Implementation Approach:		
Trees planted in area with conditions of project-defined high inequity to trees, such as at schools, affordable or subsidized housing, formerly redlined neighborhoods, areas with high property vacancy rates, or areas with high proportion of renters.		
Other Comments / Information:		
Pilot size determined by number of credits purchased. Sizes A, B, and C represent 25%, 50%, and 100% of the credits expected to be available from the RFI respondent, respectively.		

KEY PILOT-SPECIFIC INPUTS:

NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS	Pilot Year	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	
	Calendar Year	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	
	Participating Units, Size A	800	850	900	950	1000	Incremental units added, annual (not cumulative).
	Participating Units, Size B	1600	1700	1800	1900	2000	
Participating Units, Size C	3200	3400	3600	3800	4000		
Calculations & Other Explanation:		Unit of Participation = Carbon credits purchased					
		Sizes A, B, and C represent 25%, 50%, and 100% of the credits expected to be available from the RFI respondent, respectively.					

UTILITY PILOT COSTS	Annual Total Utility Incremental Cost, Size A	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:	
		\$ 45,000	\$ 50,894	\$ 58,097	\$ 66,759	\$ 75,030	total cost per year	These incremental utility costs are what will count against the NGIA budget cap for this measure and will be used in the Utility Cost, and Non Participant Cost tests for the NGIA evaluation criteria. This is the sum of utility admin costs to run pilot, any incentive funding to support project deployment, and/or the utility's annual revenue requirement for capital investments made on select pilots.
	Annual Total Utility Incremental Cost, Size B	\$ 80,200	\$ 91,694	\$ 105,797	\$ 122,809	\$ 139,030	total cost per year	
	Annual Total Utility Incremental Cost, Size C	\$ 150,600	\$ 173,294	\$ 201,197	\$ 234,909	\$ 267,030	total cost per year	
	Fixed O&M Cost, Size A	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:	
		\$ 45,000	\$ 50,894	\$ 58,097	\$ 66,759	\$ 75,030	total cost per year	Fixed O&M Cost is the result of adding up Total Project Delivery, Advertising and Promotions, Utility Administration, Trade Ally Incentives, and Workforce Development of Market Transformation Cost
	Fixed O&M Cost, Size B	\$ 80,200	\$ 91,694	\$ 105,797	\$ 122,809	\$ 139,030	total cost per year	
	Fixed O&M Cost, Size C	\$ 150,600	\$ 173,294	\$ 201,197	\$ 234,909	\$ 267,030	total cost per year	
	Total Project Delivery, Size A	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:	
		\$ 45,000	\$ 50,894	\$ 58,097	\$ 66,759	\$ 75,030	per year	Total internal and external project delivery
	Total Project Delivery, Size B	\$ 80,200	\$ 91,694	\$ 105,797	\$ 122,809	\$ 139,030	per year	
	Total Project Delivery, Size C	\$ 150,600	\$ 173,294	\$ 201,197	\$ 234,909	\$ 267,030	per year	
	Internal Project Delivery, Size A	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:	
		\$ 9,800	\$ 10,094	\$ 10,397	\$ 10,709	\$ 11,030	per year	CNP staff. These costs are sub-set of the Utility "Fixed O&M Cost" category above.
	Internal Project Delivery, Size B	\$ 9,800	\$ 10,094	\$ 10,397	\$ 10,709	\$ 11,030	per year	
Internal Project Delivery, Size C	\$ 9,800	\$ 10,094	\$ 10,397	\$ 10,709	\$ 11,030	per year		
External Project Delivery, Size A	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:		
	\$ 35,200	\$ 40,800	\$ 47,700	\$ 56,050	\$ 64,000	per year	External vendor costs would include direct install costs where CNP reimburses the vendor. These costs are sub-set of the Utility "Fixed O&M Cost" category above.	
External Project Delivery, Size B	\$ 70,400	\$ 81,600	\$ 95,400	\$ 112,100	\$ 128,000	per year		
External Project Delivery, Size C	\$ 140,800	\$ 163,200	\$ 190,800	\$ 224,200	\$ 256,000	per year		
Advertising and Promotions, Size A	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:		
	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year	These costs are sub-set of the Utility "Fixed O&M Cost" category above.	
Advertising and Promotions, Size B	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year		
Advertising and Promotions, Size C	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year		
Allocation of General Portfolio Costs, Size A	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:		
						per year	Share of portfolio level costs, including plan development costs, regulatory costs, and general portfolio costs	
Allocation of General Portfolio Costs, Size B						per year		
Allocation of General Portfolio Costs, Size C						per year		
Trade Ally Incentives, Size A	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:		
	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year	If applicable, include here the annual amount of trade ally incentives (e.g. midstream program)	
Trade Ally Incentives, Size B	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year		
Trade Ally Incentives, Size C	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year		
Workforce Development or Market Transformation Cost, Size A	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:		
	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year	These costs are sub-set of the Utility "Fixed O&M Cost" category above.	
Workforce Development or Market Transformation Cost, Size B	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year		
Workforce Development or Market Transformation Cost, Size C	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year		
Other Fixed O&M Cost, Size A	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:		
	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year	These costs are sub-set of the Utility "Fixed O&M Cost" category above.	
Other Fixed O&M Cost, Size B	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year		
Other Fixed O&M Cost, Size C	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year		

	Total utility capital investment, Size A	\$	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:					
	Total utility capital investment, Size B	\$	-	-	-	-	-	-	per year				
	Total utility capital investment, Size C	\$	-	-	-	-	-	-	per year				
	Est. Annual Revenue Requirement for Capital Projects, Size A	\$	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:					
	Est. Annual Revenue Requirement for Capital Projects, Size B	\$	-	-	-	-	-	-	per year				
	Est. Annual Revenue Requirement for Capital Projects, Size C	\$	-	-	-	-	-	-	per year				
	Est. Total Revenue Requirement for Capital Projects, Size A	\$	Total	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:									
	Est. Total Revenue Requirement for Capital Projects, Size B	\$	-	per year									
	Est. Total Revenue Requirement for Capital Projects, Size C	\$	-	per year									
	Incentives, Size A	\$	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:					
Incentives, Size B	\$	-	-	-	-	-	-	per year					
Incentives, Size C	\$	-	-	-	-	-	-	per year					
Incentives per Participant, Size A	\$	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:						
Incentives per Participant, Size B	\$	-	-	-	-	-	-	per participant per year					
Incentives per Participant, Size C	\$	-	-	-	-	-	-	per participant per year					
Calculations & Other Explanation:	Expected price per credit (\$/credit):	\$	44	\$ 48	\$ 53	\$ 59	\$ 64	Assuming upper end of cost range provided by the RFI respondent for each year					
TOTAL AND DIRECT PARTICIPANT PILOT COSTS	Total Pilot Upfront Costs, Size A	\$	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:					
	Total Pilot Upfront Costs, Size B	\$	44	\$ 48	\$ 53	\$ 59	\$ 64	per participant					
	Total Pilot Upfront Costs, Size C	\$	44	\$ 48	\$ 53	\$ 59	\$ 64	per participant					
	Third Party Funding, Size A	\$	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:					
	Third Party Funding, Size B	\$	-	-	-	-	-	-	per participant				
	Third Party Funding, Size C	\$	-	-	-	-	-	-	per participant				
	Description of source of external funding:	IRA, etc											
	Direct Participant Pilot Costs, Size A	\$	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:					
	Direct Participant Pilot Costs, Size B	\$	-	-	-	-	-	-	per participant				
	Direct Participant Pilot Costs, Size C	\$	-	-	-	-	-	-	per participant				
Calculations & Other Explanation:	Escalation rate	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	3.82% (for each pilot analysis year)						
PARTICIPANT NON-ENERGY COSTS	Participant Non-Energy Costs, Size A	\$	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:					
	Participant Non-Energy Costs, Size B	\$	-	-	-	-	-	-	per participant per year of pilot life				
	Participant Non-Energy Costs, Size C	\$	-	-	-	-	-	-	per participant per year of pilot life				
	Calculations & Other Explanation:	Escalation rate	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	3.82% (for each pilot analysis year)					
	PARTICIPANT NON-ENERGY SAVINGS	Participant Non-Energy Savings, Size A	\$	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:				
		Participant Non-Energy Savings, Size B	\$	-	-	-	-	-	-	per participant per year of pilot life			
		Participant Non-Energy Savings, Size C	\$	-	-	-	-	-	-	per participant per year of pilot life			
		Calculations & Other Explanation:	This includes any operating savings like water savings.										
		PILOT LIFE	Average Lifetime for Savings/Pilot Tech, Size A		1							years	
			Average Lifetime for Savings/Pilot Tech, Size B		1							years	
Average Lifetime for Savings/Pilot Tech, Size C				1							years		
Calculations & Other Explanation:			Offset purchases only reduce emissions for the year they are purchased. New offsets need to be purchased again for subsequent years.										
NATURAL GAS ENERGY SAVINGS, AVG. Dth/ PARTICIPANT SAVED			Avg. Dth/Participant Saved, Size A		0.00							Dth/Participant	
			Avg. Dth/Participant Saved, Size B		0.00							Dth/Participant	
	Avg. Dth/Participant Saved, Size C			0.00							Dth/Participant		
	Calculations & Other Explanation:												
	Avg. Non-Gas Fuel Units/Part. Saved, Size A		Avg. Non-Gas Fuel Units/Part. Saved, Size A		0.00							kWh/Participant	
			Avg. Non-Gas Fuel Units/Part. Saved, Size B		0.00							kWh/Participant	
		Avg. Non-Gas Fuel Units/Part. Saved, Size C		0.00							kWh/Participant		
		Calculations & Other Explanation:	Units are kWh; could technically be other non-NG. Avg. Non-Gas Fuel Units/Part. Saved will be used in the Participant Cost tests for the NGA evaluation criteria.										

AVG. NON-GAS FUEL UNITS / PART	Avg. Additional Non-Gas Fuel Units/Part.Used, Size A	0.00	kWh/Participant	Avg. Additional Non-Gas Fuel Units/Part. Used will be used in the Participant Cost tests for the NGIA evaluation criteria.
	Avg. Additional Non-Gas Fuel Units/Part.Used, Size B	0.00	kWh/Participant	
	Avg. Additional Non-Gas Fuel Units/Part.Used, Size C	0.00	kWh/Participant	
	Calculations & Other Explanation:			

TOTAL ANNUAL Dth SAVED		Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	
	Total Annual Dth Saved, Size A	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	Dth
	Total Annual Dth Saved, Size B	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	Dth
	Total Annual Dth Saved, Size C	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	Dth
Calculations & Other Explanation:							Natural gas energy savings that result from multiplying savings per participant times the total number of new participants in a given year

GRID MIX SCENARIO	Grid Mix Scenario	No Electricity Impact	Select one of the listed grid mix scenarios taking into account that:
	Calculations & Other Explanation:		Utilities shall use electric-utility-specific generation mix information for the renewable natural gas facility when it is reasonably available. When electric utility-specific information is not available, the firing gas utility will use a state-specific generation mix taken from Midwest Renewable Energy Association (MRE) Detailed Scenario. If the renewable natural gas facility is a higher percentage of capacity than is available in that state, utilities shall use an alternative generation mix.

LIFECYCLE GHG INTENSITY BY PROJECT SIZE	This section does not apply to all pilot types. The GHG changes from decreased natural gas and/or electricity consumption will be calculated based on values above. However, for pilots where NGIA requires lifecycle GHG savings (e.g. RNG, hydrogen, carbon capture) this section accounts for the lifecycle change in GHG emissions (per unit of participation).						
	Lifecycle GHG Intensity, Size A	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	
	Low						kg CO2e/participant
	Expected	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	kg CO2e/participant
	High						kg CO2e/participant
	Lifecycle GHG Intensity, Size B	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	
	Low						kg CO2e/participant
	Expected	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	kg CO2e/participant
	High						kg CO2e/participant
	Lifecycle GHG Intensity, Size C	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	
Low						kg CO2e/participant	
Expected	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	kg CO2e/participant	
High						kg CO2e/participant	
Calculations & Other Explanation:							Each credit represents an offset of 1 tCO2 (equivalent to 1000 kg CO2).

OTHER PILOT-SPECIFIC PARAMETERS (formerly 'General Parameters' in CIP Calculator):

PEAK REDUCTION FACTOR	Peak Reduction Factor	%	The estimated average annual effect of the project on system peak. It is estimated to be % for energy efficiency pilots. The method for other innovative resources should be considered in the context of specific utility proposals. Peak Reduction Factor will be used in the Utility Cost and Non Participant Cost tests for the NGIA evaluation criteria.
	Calculations & Other Explanation:		

VARIABLE O&M	Variable O&M Cost, Applies to all project sizes	Values now linked directly back to planning assumptions tab (possible given the combination of formerly separate Exhibits P and N into a single file)	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:				
		Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	per Dth
		\$ 0.05	\$ 0.04	\$ 0.04	\$ 0.04	\$ 0.04	per Dth
Calculations & Other Explanation:							The CIP methodology is used for energy efficiency. However, the value for other innovative resources should be considered in the context of specific utility proposals. For example, resources like power-to-hydrogen and RNG may not decrease O&M costs as they also need to be transported to customers on the distribution system. Variable O&M will be used in the Utility Cost and Non Participant Cost tests for the NGIA evaluation criteria. Note, to calculate this metric, you can make one cost estimate for year 1 and then use the escalation rate to estimate each Annual Escalation Rate calculated using the average percent change in the price of natural gas between 2023 through:
	n/a	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	(for each pilot analysis year)
			-5.250%	-5.250%	-5.250%	-5.250%	

NON-GAS FUEL COST	Non-Gas (i.e., Electric) Fuel Cost	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:
		\$ 44.14 per MWh
Calculations & Other Explanation:		

NON-GAS FUEL LOSS FACTOR	Non-Gas Fuel Loss Factor	8.22%	The CIP methodology is used for all resources other than strategic electrification. The method for strategic electrification should be considered in the context of specific utility pilot proposals. In the most recent CIP, Staff used the weighted average of the most recent loss factors reported by Minnesota Power, Xcel Energy, and Otter Tail Power's reported 2021 transmission and distribution loss factors and weighting by the utilities' 2017-2019 average retail sales
	Calculations & Other Explanation:		

OTHER QUANTITATIVE CRITERIA:

OTHER NON-GHG POLLUTANTS	USD Cost Unit:			
	Other Non-GHG Pollutants, Size A	\$ 0.37	per Dth	Generally no change from CIP methodology. The factor is calculated using the final environmental cost values approved by Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (Commission). The factors are reported in 2021 dollars in Table 2 below, which were calculated by inflating the Commission's approved dollar per ton environmental cost values using escalation rate to adjust by observed inflation between 2014 and 2021. Stakeholders expressed a preference for allowing utilities to select different externality values for pilots targeting specific geographies or populations. For example, an energy efficiency project that targets an urban area might use the urban value rather than the metropolitan fringe value. Similarly, a project targeting a low-income population might use a high value rather than the median. Utilities can make deviations such as these in their NGIA plans if they can provide justification for the change. Instead of requiring the use of median metropolitan fringe values for all non-GHG pollutants, as shown in Table 1 of the Commission's January 3, 2018 Order in Docket No. E1999/C1-14-643, utilities may use the value most applicable for the pilot or measure.
	Other Non-GHG Pollutants, Size B	\$ 0.37	per Dth	
	Other Non-GHG Pollutants, Size C	\$ 0.37	per Dth	
Calculations & Other Explanation:				

Net Direct Job Creation, Size A	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Total during 5 program years	Remainder of project life	# of jobs
	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0
Calculations & Other Explanation:								Utilities should consider both jobs created by proposed pilots and jobs that

							Total during 5 program years	Remainder of project life	# of jobs
	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5				
Net Direct Job Creation, Size B	1	1	1	1	1	5		# of jobs	
	1	1	1	2	2	7		# of jobs	
Net Indirect Job Creation, Size A	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	# of jobs	
Net Indirect Job Creation, Size B	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	# of jobs	
Net Indirect Job Creation, Size C	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	# of jobs	
Net Induced Job Creation, Size A	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	# of jobs	
	0	0	0	1	1	2		# of jobs	

Calculations & Other Explanation:
 Job numbers are estimated as Full Time Equivalents (FTE) and are rounded off.

may be eliminated by proposed pilots.

Utilities should consider both jobs created by proposed pilots and jobs that may be eliminated by proposed pilots.

						USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:	
	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5		
Public Co-Benefits, Size A	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year	Quantifiable in some cases. If this metric isn't quantifiable, there is space for any qualitative comments in the Additional Qualitative Considerations section below.
Public Co-Benefits, Size B	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year	
Public Co-Benefits, Size C	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year	

Calculations & Other Explanation:

						USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:	
	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5		
Water Pollution, Size A	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year	The legislation left the door open to quantify any costs and benefits on water pollution. This might be quantifiable for some of the projects. If this metric isn't quantifiable, there is space for any qualitative comments in the Additional Qualitative Considerations section below.
Water Pollution, Size B	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year	
Water Pollution, Size C	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year	

Calculations & Other Explanation:

ADDITIONAL QUALITATIVE CONSIDERATIONS:

NGIA Utility
Perspective Notes:
 It is expected that most of the utility perspective costs and benefits will be quantifiable with and should be heavily informed by the structural values and CIP quantification methods.
Definition:

NGIA Participants
Perspective Notes:
 It is expected that many of the elements of the participant perspective, with respect to the direct effect of pilots, will be quantifiable and will rely on the structural values. Add here any information related to some direct effects of pilots on participants that may not be easily quantifiable. For example, increased comfort in a home and health benefits from pilots that improve indoor air quality are two examples of benefits that may be difficult to quantify.
Definition:

NGIA Nonparticipating Customers
Perspective Notes:
 As with the utility perspective, the direct effects of pilot programs on non-participating customers should be quantified in most cases and can be heavily informed by structural values.
Definition:
 Shade can reduce cooling and heating costs for nearby buildings

Effects on Other Energy Systems and Energy Security
Definition:
 NGIA invites the Commission to consider how innovative resources fit into the energy system with a broader perspective than effects on the gas utility and its customers. Measures like strategic electrification specifically require gas utilities and the Commission to avoid negative effects on the electric system. Further, the NGIA empowers the Commission to consider a wide variety of "costs and benefits that may be expected under a plan," one of which is a reduction of reliance on imported resources and national fuel markets.
 Shade can reduce need for cooling in summer months

GHG Emissions
Notes:
 An innovation plan must include the total lifecycle GHG emissions that the utility projects will be reduced or avoided through implementing the plan. This benefit should be generally quantifiable using the Commission-approved GHG accounting framework and GHG externality values. Note that this row also calls for

discussion of any environmental justice effects of the pilot related to GHG emissions, these may not be quantifiable.

Other Pollution

Notes:

Definition:

Include any additional non-GHG environmental costs and benefits. For example, effects on water pollution that may not be quantifiable, or specific air quality benefits to a low income community. Note that this also calls for discussion of any environmental justice effects of the pilot related to non-GHG pollution. Trees can reduce urban heat effects, reduce stormwater runoff, prevent air pollution from reaching homes; pilot targets areas of low tree coverage which correspond with poverty

Waste Reduction and Reuse Notes:

Definition:

Waste reduction, reuse, and anaerobic digestion are goals of the NGIA. Includes reduction of water use.

Policy Notes:

Definition:

NGIA is intended to help the state achieve certain environmental policy goals including geologic gas throughput reduction and increased use of renewable resources.

Net Job Creation

Notes:

Definition:

An innovation plan must include, as applicable, "projected local job impacts resulting from implementation of the plan." Utilities should consider both jobs created by proposed pilots and jobs that may be eliminated by proposed pilots.

Economic Development

Notes:

Definition:

The Commission must make a finding that the innovation plan "promotes local economic development." Creation of jobs is a form of economic development, but economic development is broader. For example, pilots that pay workers a living wage or support apprenticeships or training opportunities would provide additional economic benefits.

Public Co-Benefits

Notes:

Definition:

There may be public benefits for certain pilots. For example, the NGIA is intended to help support wastewater treatment and organics recycling. This category could also include odor effects on Minnesota communities – either reductions in unpleasant odors or increased odor problems. Reduces stormwater runoff costs; supports Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board tree planting and maintenance

Market Development

Notes:

Definition:

The NGIA supports the development of new markets or expansion of markets in Minnesota. For example, utilities are required to describe whether proposed plans support the development of alternative agricultural products, as well as the geographic areas of the state where benefits are realized

Direct Innovation

Support Notes:

Definition:

This category is intended to answer how the proposed pilot supports the development and increased deployment of innovative resources beyond the direct program impacts. For example, research and development projects, which are permitted under the NGIA,40 are unlikely to produce significant benefits on their own but are intended to lead to future opportunities.

Resource Scalability and Role in a Decarbonized System

Notes:

Definition:

While NGIA pilots may have small impacts in the near-term, stakeholders felt it was important for the Commission to consider the potential importance of each resource in a decarbonized energy system. The NGIA requires the Commission to consider changes to natural gas utility and regulatory policy structures needed to meet or exceed Minnesota's GHG reduction goals. NGIA pilots should provide valuable information to the Commission as it considers the energy future of the state.



CNP11 - Carbon Capture Archetype for Industrial or Large Commercial Facility

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Pilot Project Code:	CNP11
Pilot Project Name:	Carbon Capture Archetype for Industrial or Large Commercial Facility
Customer Class/ Sector:	C&I
Low-Income Community Benefit?	N
Target Area:	Territory-wide
Primary Innovative Resource Category:	Carbon Capture

Select primary innovation category. Others can be listed here:

Pilot Description:

CNP would offer incentives covering a portion of the equipment and installation cost of capture carbon systems for industrial or large commercial customers. These systems would be installed directly onsite for 1-3 customers.

DESCRIPTION

Overview of Program/ Implementation Approach:

Program would begin with a site identification and customer recruitment phase. Customer would own and operate the carbon capture system. CenterPoint Energy would create a measurement and verification plan to monitor system performance for a period of time following installation.

Other Comments / Information:

Possible that some participants could be larger or smaller than the carbon capture size below.

KEY PILOT-SPECIFIC INPUTS:

Pilot Year	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	
Calendar Year	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	
Participating Units, Size A	0	0	1	0	0	Incremental units added, annual (not cumulative).
Participating Units, Size B	0	0	2	0	0	
Participating Units, Size C	0	0	3	0	0	

Unit of Participation = Facility implementing carbon capture system plant size (# of 25-tonne/day units)

Calculations & Other Explanation:

Based on Post-Combustion Capture (amine)

Capture Capacity

Size A	25
	9268

Industrial Facility's Natural Gas Firing Rate

22 MMBtu/ Hour base size facility Natural Gas Firing Rate

Examples for Capture Cost Alone. Based on natural gas combustion in boilers and process heater with flue gases of 8% CO2 at atmospheric pressure and 90% capture. Facility operates at 75% capacity utilization.

Natural Gas Firing Rate in MMBtu per Hour	Facility Size	Equivalent pounds of steam per hour (80% efficient boiler)	Equivalent MW (7000 Btu/kWh)	Fuel Use (MMBtu per year @100%CU)	GHG Emissions & Capture Volumes at 100% Capacity Utilization (not used in analysis)			This column used in the analysis	
					Combustion CO2 (metric tons per year @100%CU)	Combustion CO2 (metric tons per day @100% CU)	Capture Capacity (CO2 metric tons/day)	CO2 Capturable (metric tons per year @100% CU)	CO2 Captured (metric tons per year @expected% CU)
Size A: 1 facility	22	14,657	313	191,625	10,298	28	25	9,268	6,951
Size B: 2 facilities	2 sites @ 22			383,250	20,596	56	51	18,536	13,902
Size C: 3 facilities	3 sites @ 22			574,875	30,893	85	76	27,804	20,853

Small Industrial Boiler (10-100 mmBtu/hr input) GREET NG Combustion Factor (kg CO2e/MMBtu HHV):	53.74
Facility capacity utilization factor:	75%
Concentration (% CO2):	8%
Pressure (psi):	14.70
CO2 Partial Pressure (psi):	118

1194 Btu/pound of steam (for size comparisons)

7000 Btu/kWh (for size comparisons)

	Number of Trucks needed for facility scale of 22 MMBtu/Hr NG-firing rate (generating 25 tCO2/d)	(ICF analysis)		
Size A	1	Rounding up to whole truck	Tractor Lifetime in Years	7.5
Size B	2	Assumes facilities participating in pilot Sizes B and C do not share trucks across facilities	Trailer Lifetime in Years	20
Size C	3			

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:	
Annual Total Utility Incremental Cost, Size A	\$ 134,800	\$ 21,630	\$ 1,654,779	\$ 122,947	\$ 11,030	total cost per year	These incremental utility costs are what will count against the NGIA budget cap for this measure and will be used in the Utility Cost and Non Participant Cost tests for the NGIA evaluation criteria. This is the sum of utility admin costs to run pilot, any incentive funding to support project deployment, and/or the utility's annual revenue requirement for capital investments made on select pilots.
Annual Total Utility Incremental Cost, Size B	\$ 134,800	\$ 21,630	\$ 3,284,779	\$ 222,947	\$ 11,030	total cost per year	
Annual Total Utility Incremental Cost, Size C	\$ 134,800	\$ 21,630	\$ 4,913,529	\$ 322,947	\$ 11,030	total cost per year	

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:	
Fixed O&M Cost, Size A	\$ 134,800	\$ 21,630	\$ 154,779	\$ 122,947	\$ 11,030	total cost per year	Fixed O&M Cost is the result of adding up Total Project Delivery, Advertising and Promotions, Utility Administration, Trade Ally Incentives, and Workforce Development of Market Transformation Cost
Fixed O&M Cost, Size B	\$ 134,800	\$ 21,630	\$ 284,779	\$ 222,947	\$ 11,030	total cost per year	
Fixed O&M Cost, Size C	\$ 134,800	\$ 21,630	\$ 413,529	\$ 322,947	\$ 11,030	total cost per year	

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:	
Total Project Delivery, Size A	\$ 134,800	\$ 21,630	\$ 152,279	\$ 122,947	\$ 11,030	per year	Total internal and external project delivery
Total Project Delivery, Size B	\$ 134,800	\$ 21,630	\$ 282,279	\$ 222,947	\$ 11,030	per year	
Total Project Delivery, Size C	\$ 134,800	\$ 21,630	\$ 412,279	\$ 322,947	\$ 11,030	per year	

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:	
Internal Project Delivery, Size A	\$ 9,800	\$ 21,630	\$ 22,279	\$ 22,947	\$ 11,030	per year	CNP staff. These costs are sub-set of the Utility 'Fixed O&M Cost' category above.
Internal Project Delivery, Size B	\$ 9,800	\$ 21,630	\$ 22,279	\$ 22,947	\$ 11,030	per year	
Internal Project Delivery, Size C	\$ 9,800	\$ 21,630	\$ 22,279	\$ 22,947	\$ 11,030	per year	

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:	
External Project Delivery, Size A	\$ 125,000	\$ -	\$ 130,000	\$ 100,000	\$ -	per year	External vendor costs would include direct install costs where CNP reimburses the vendor. These costs are sub-set of the Utility 'Fixed O&M Cost' category above.
External Project Delivery, Size B	\$ 125,000	\$ -	\$ 260,000	\$ 200,000	\$ -	per year	
External Project Delivery, Size C	\$ 125,000	\$ -	\$ 390,000	\$ 300,000	\$ -	per year	

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:	
Advertising and Promotions, Size A	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,500	\$ -	\$ -	per year	These costs are sub-set of the Utility 'Fixed O&M Cost' category above.
Advertising and Promotions, Size B	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,500	\$ -	\$ -	per year	

UTILITY PILOT COSTS

Advertising and Promotions, Size C

\$	-	\$	1,250			per year
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Allocation of General Portfolio Costs, Size A
 Allocation of General Portfolio Costs, Size B
 Allocation of General Portfolio Costs, Size C

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:
					per year
					per year
					per year

Share of portfolio level costs, including plan development costs, regulatory costs, and general portfolio costs

Trade Ally Incentives, Size A
 Trade Ally Incentives, Size B
 Trade Ally Incentives, Size C

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:	
\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	per year
\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	per year
\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	per year

If applicable, include here the annual amount of trade ally incentives (e.g. midstream program)

Workforce Development or Market Transformation Cost, Size A
 Workforce Development or Market Transformation Cost, Size B
 Workforce Development or Market Transformation Cost, Size C

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:	
\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	per year
\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	per year
\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	per year

These costs are sub-set of the Utility "Fixed O&M Cost" category above.

Other Fixed O&M Cost, Size A
 Other Fixed O&M Cost, Size B
 Other Fixed O&M Cost, Size C

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:	
\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	per year
\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	per year
\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	per year

These costs are sub-set of the Utility "Fixed O&M Cost" category above.

Total utility capital investment, Size A
 Total utility capital investment, Size B
 Total utility capital investment, Size C

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:	
\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	per year
\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	per year
\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	per year

This tracks expectations for when this pilot would require capital investments from the utility, if applicable. This will not directly feed into the incremental costs for NGA, but instead will be used to estimate the timing and level of annual revenue requirement resulting from these capital investments (shown below).

Est. Annual Revenue Requirement for Capital Projects, Size A
 Est. Annual Revenue Requirement for Capital Projects, Size B
 Est. Annual Revenue Requirement for Capital Projects, Size C

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:	
\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	per year
\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	per year
\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	per year

For capital projects, the incremental cost impact on the NGA budget is the annual revenue requirement (return of and on capital additions), as well as the utility "Fixed O&M Costs" captured above. This revenue requirement is calculated from the magnitude & timing of capital investment captured above, based on expected measure life (and depreciation time period), as well as the utility's return on investment.

Est. Total Revenue Requirement for Capital Projects, Size A
 Est. Total Revenue Requirement for Capital Projects, Size B
 Est. Total Revenue Requirement for Capital Projects, Size C

Total	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:	
\$	-	per year
\$	-	per year
\$	-	per year

The total revenue requirement is calculated from the magnitude & timing of total capital investment captured above, based on expected measure life (and depreciation time period), as well as the utility's return on investment. This cost is noted here for reference, it's not used to calculate any of the NGA evaluation criteria.

Incentives, Size A
 Incentives, Size B
 Incentives, Size C

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:	
\$	-	\$	1,500,000	\$	-	per year
\$	-	\$	3,000,000	\$	-	per year
\$	-	\$	4,500,000	\$	-	per year

This tracks total incentives paid directly to customers (customer rebates like money gift cards or other fungible payments, etc.). Do not include here cost of customer benefits delivered directly to the customer by a program vendor (paying for the cost of energy/GHG audits or direct install measures), or making a capital investment in a customer's project where the customer doesn't hold equipment ownership. Incentives will be used in the Participant Cost tests for the NGA evaluation criteria.

Incentives per Participant, Size A
 Incentives per Participant, Size B
 Incentives per Participant, Size C

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:
#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	\$ 1,500,000.00	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	per participant per year
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Incentives per participant is a function of total incentives paid directly to customers.

Calculations & Other Explanation:

Size A	
tonnes CO2/day:	25
tonnes CO2/year:	9268
Capex:	\$ 2,846,718 (via GCSI)

Parameters for Capture, Compression, etc. Economics	Value
Capacity utilization factor	75% Compressor electricity use kWh/metric ton 109
Life in years	20 Compressor electricity use kWh/day (@100% CU) for single CC unit 2,768
Electricity price (\$/kWh for C&I in MN)	\$ 0.098 Compressor Capacity (kW) for single CC unit 115
Price of NG to C&I in MN (\$/MMBtu)	\$ 6.38 Electricity kWh input per HP-hour 0.785
\$/HP for compressor/pump/dehyd.	\$ 2,500.00 Compressor Capacity (HP) for single CC unit 147

Include customer incentives to cover the cost of an engineering study and upfront equipment costs; could also account for site identification costs.

Support for Engineering Studies:	\$ 30,000	might cost 200K total	\$ 200,000
Funding for CCU LCA:	\$ 100,000	(pre-project)	

CNP Incentive to Cover X% of Expected CAPEX: 100% (up to \$15M cap)

Scoping Study / Customer Identification: \$125,000

Pilot Program M&V and Updated LCA: \$100,000 (50 (M&V) + 50K (post-project LCA update))

CAPEX Categories	Size A	Value
Carbon Capture Equipment	\$ 1,880,428	Capex = 10,226 * (CO2TPA)^0.8
CO2 Dehydration/Compression Equipment	\$ 367,290	ICF team created an equation from the GCSI cost examples to represent the CAPEX as a function
CO2 Transportation (Trucking) Equipment	\$ 599,000	Semi trailer (\$449k), tank, equipment, and tractor (truck) (\$150k), total capital cost of \$599,000/truck, not including tractor

Total Pilot Upfront Costs, Size A
 Total Pilot Upfront Costs, Size B
 Total Pilot Upfront Costs, Size C

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:
\$	-	\$ 3,346,718			per participant per year
\$	-	\$ 3,346,718			per participant per year
\$	-	\$ 3,346,718			per participant per year

This represents the total equipment and installation costs for technologies implemented as part of this pilot (specifically non-utility capital projects that were captured separately above). This cost does not account for what portion of costs may be covered by utility incentives, nor include utility program admin costs.

Third Party Funding, Size A
 Third Party Funding, Size B
 Third Party Funding, Size C

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:	
\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	per participant per year
\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	per participant per year
\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	per participant per year

If there are expectations for external funding sources (e.g. IRA, etc) account for those values here. This funding is noted here for reference, it's not used to calculate any of the NGA evaluation criteria.

Description of source of external funding:

While carbon capture units could qualify for IRA incentives, the size that has been selected for the archetype here is expected to be too small to meet the minimum threshold. It is possible that the pilot could identify larger projects that would qualify for IRA funding.

Direct Participant Pilot Costs, Size A
 Direct Participant Pilot Costs, Size B
 Direct Participant Pilot Costs, Size C

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:
\$	-	\$ 1,846,718	\$	-	per participant per year
\$	-	\$ 1,846,718	\$	-	per participant per year
\$	-	\$ 1,846,718	\$	-	per participant per year

This represents the upfront costs to participants who participate in this pilot. This is a calculated value, where utility incentives are subtracted from the total upfront project costs. Direct Participant Pilot costs will be used in the Participant Cost tests for the NGA evaluation criteria. Note: some pilots making a "Direct Install" approach may see the utility covering all costs, with no upfront financial contribution from the participant.

Calculations & Other Explanation:

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5

TOTAL AND DIRECT PARTICIPANT PILOT COSTS

Escalation rate	3.82%	3.82%	3.82%	3.82%	3.82%	(for each pilot analysis year)
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For an escalation rate, we use the average of the 12-month percentage change in the "all items" consumer price index available from the United States Bureau of Economic Analysis.

Refund from IRA: \$
 Portion of Costs IRA incentive applicable: \$

0% There is a minimum for carbon capture projects that are not direct air capture and not at an electrical generating facility; the project has to capture at least 12,500 metric tons of carbon oxide per year.
 2,846,718 IRA Discount on Capital Costs: assuming project would qualify for 30% investment tax credit pursuant to 26 USC 46E as an energy storage facility (which includes thermal energy storage property as defined in 26 USC 48); assume labor requirements will be satisfied so as to qualify for 30% as opposed to 6%; do not assume that project is in state

Assuming too small for IRA for now, if instead of 3 participants for Size C get one bigger one, could qualify (future opportunities to explore)

Additional CAPEX: replacements	Size A	Size B	Size C
CO2 Transportation's Truck Tractor with 7.5 year life (2 replacements) over 20 year pilot life	\$ 300,000	\$ 600,000	\$ 900,000

PV of two \$150,000 tractor replacements needed for 7.5 year tractor life (neglecting tractor/trailer salvage values)

Participant Non-Energy Costs, Size A
 Participant Non-Energy Costs, Size B
 Participant Non-Energy Costs, Size C

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:
		\$ 801,655	\$ 832,278	\$ 864,072	\$ 896,876	per participant per year of pilot life
		\$ 801,655	\$ 832,278	\$ 864,072	\$ 896,876	per participant per year of pilot life
		\$ 801,655	\$ 832,278	\$ 864,072	\$ 896,876	per participant per year of pilot life

This includes any increased in costs like equipment operating costs or increased water costs. Participant Non-Energy Costs will be used in the Participant Cost tests for the NGA evaluation criteria.

Calculations & Other Explanation:

Escalation rate	3.82%	3.82%	3.82%	3.82%	3.82%	(for each pilot analysis year)
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For an escalation rate, we use

Non fuel consumables VOM costs for carbon capture \$ 22 /tonne CO2 (via GCSI) Non-fuel cost of \$22/ metric ton of CO2 is computed from the GCSI report. It is mostly made up of chemicals and other consumables.

Fixed O&M for carbon capture

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5
	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 376,432	\$ 376,432	\$ 376,432
	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,129,297	\$ 1,129,297	\$ 1,129,297
	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,882,161	\$ 1,882,161	\$ 1,882,161

(via GCSI) 270,000 Fixed O&M of 270,000/ year plus 0.0566 * Capex is based on the GCSI study from which the cost algorithm was created. 0.0566

O&M for compression: 5% of the capex for compression, dehydration (inc. insur.+ prop. taxes)

O&M for trucking the CO2 (2-way Transport 250 Miles per Trip - 1 way, 125 mi. trip with CO2; 1 way empty as return)

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5
	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 253,936	\$ 253,936	\$ 253,936
	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 761,808	\$ 761,808	\$ 761,808
	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,269,680	\$ 1,269,680	\$ 1,269,680

Assumes 125-mile 1-way trips (all return trips are empty) which translates to -77,300 miles annually for all 2-way round-trips needed based on CO2 production and truck capacity. Non-fuel O&M and diesel fuel O&M.

Est. 309 trips/year needed for CO2 quantity captured at single facility (Size A), given truck full load weight of commodity of 22,482 kg; 781 kg/m³ density of CO2 in pressurized tanks at -1,750 psi and trailer tank water vol. 28,770 L.

Covers insurance, staff, overhead, licenses and permits, tire replacement, and fuel O&M costs (at \$0.92/liter, or ~\$0.75/mile) for max 2-way 250 miles per year

Participant Non-Energy Savings, Size A
 Participant Non-Energy Savings, Size B
 Participant Non-Energy Savings, Size C

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:
	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per participant per year of pilot life
	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per participant per year of pilot life
	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per participant per year of pilot life

This includes any operating savings like water savings.

Calculations & Other Explanation:

Average Lifetime for Savings/Pilot Tech, Size A
 Average Lifetime for Savings/Pilot Tech, Size B
 Average Lifetime for Savings/Pilot Tech, Size C

	20	years
	20	years
	20	years

Calculations & Other Explanation:

PILOT LIFE

Avg. Dth/Participant Saved, Size A
 Avg. Dth/Participant Saved, Size B
 Avg. Dth/Participant Saved, Size C

	(23.633)	Dth/Participant
	(23.633)	Dth/Participant
	(23.633)	Dth/Participant

Calculations & Other Explanation:

3.4 MMBtu fuel needed/metric ton of CO2 captured
 No natural gas combustion saved; carbon intensity of process just reduced.

NATURAL GAS ENERGY SAVINGS: AVG. Dth/ PARTICIPANT SAVED

AVG. NON-GAS FUEL UNITS / PART.	Avg. Non-Gas Fuel Units/Part. Saved, Size A	0.00	kWh/Participant	Units are kWh; could technically be other non-NG. Avg. Non-Gas Fuel Units/Part. Saved will be used in the Participant Cost tests for the NGIA evaluation criteria.
	Avg. Non-Gas Fuel Units/Part. Saved, Size B	0.00	kWh/Participant	
	Avg. Non-Gas Fuel Units/Part. Saved, Size C	0.00	kWh/Participant	
Avg. Additional Non-Gas Fuel Units/Part.Used, Size A	757,662	kWh/Participant	Avg. Additional Non-Gas Fuel Units/Part. Used will be used in the Participant Cost tests for the NGIA evaluation criteria.	
Avg. Additional Non-Gas Fuel Units/Part.Used, Size B	757,662	kWh/Participant		
Avg. Additional Non-Gas Fuel Units/Part.Used, Size C	757,662	kWh/Participant		
Calculations & Other Explanation:	Compression electricity use kWh/year (at expected % capacity utilization)			

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	
Total Annual Dth Saved, Size A			(23,633)	(23,633)	(23,633)	Dth
Total Annual Dth Saved, Size B			(47,267)	(47,267)	(47,267)	Dth
Total Annual Dth Saved, Size C			(70,900)	(70,900)	(70,900)	Dth
Calculations & Other Explanation:	Natural gas energy savings that result from multiplying savings per participant times the total number of new participants in a given year					

Grid Mix Scenario	NREL	Select one of the listed grid mix scenarios taking into account that: *Utilities shall use electric-utility-specific generation mix information for the renewable natural gas facility when it is reasonably available. When electric utility-specific information is not available, the filing gas utility will use a state-specific generation mix taken from National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL)
Calculations & Other Explanation:		

This section does not apply to all pilot types. The GHG changes from decreased natural gas and/or electricity consumption will be calculated based on values above. However, for pilots where NGIA requires lifecycle GHG savings (e.g. RNG, hydrogen, carbon capture) this section accounts for the lifecycle change in GHG emissions (per unit of participation).

Lifecycle GHG Intensity, Size A	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	
Low			0.00	0.00	0.00	kg CO2e/participant
Expected			4,170.616	4,170.616	4,170.616	kg CO2e/participant
High			6,951.027	6,951.027	6,951.027	kg CO2e/participant
Lifecycle GHG Intensity, Size B	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	
Low			0.00	0.00	0.00	kg CO2e/participant
Expected			4,170.616	4,170.616	4,170.616	kg CO2e/participant
High			6,951.027	6,951.027	6,951.027	kg CO2e/participant
Lifecycle GHG Intensity, Size C	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	
Low			0.00	0.00	0.00	kg CO2e/participant
Expected			4,170.616	4,170.616	4,170.616	kg CO2e/participant
High			6,951.027	6,951.027	6,951.027	kg CO2e/participant

Utilities shall file a high, low, and expected greenhouse gas intensity for innovative resources included in a proposed Natural Gas Innovation Act innovation (NGIA) plan, where applicable. High and low scenarios shall incorporate at least low and high assumptions for electricity use and other fuels used in the resource's lifecycle. Expected greenhouse gas intensity values will be used in cost-benefit calculations and when determining the expected greenhouse gas reduction of pilot programs and NGIA plans.

Calculations & Other Explanation: Minnesota is not in proximity to geologic formations that would typically be used to permanently sequester carbon, so industrial facilities looking to capture CO2 would likely be looking for another process that would utilize that CO2. This pilot assumes CO2 is captured from CNP industrial client, then utilized in concrete. In traditional concrete production, cement is cured with water, causing the calcium to react with the CO2 in the surrounding air and turning it back into strengthened calcium carbonate. Research (via Carbon Cure and related studies) suggests that of CO2 sent to concrete production, only ~60% is absorbed in the concrete. There are potentially large GHG savings if the utilization approach is an emissions improvement relative to the original concrete production. However, this analysis assumes that CNP would only take credit for the reduced industrial emissions at capture facility, and that offtaker would claim concrete's GHG improvement. Due to research limits, an LCA is built into the cost of the pilot to better reflect GHG impact. Actual emissions will be pilot-specific depending on industrial facility and CO2 user. This estimate is based on Carbon Cure study, but the ultimate carbon capture projects in NGIA could end up using the CO2 in a very different way.

Default Geologic Gas Emissions Factor	66.14	kg CO2e/Dth
Geologic Gas Combustion Emissions Factor	53.74	kg CO2e/Dth
CO2 Captured from Geologic Gas Combustion (metric tons per year @expected% CU)	83,412,320.32	
Size A	6,951	
Size B	13,902	
4,170.6 For a Centerpoint facility capturing 6,951 metric tons per year of CO2, about 60% would be absorbed into concrete; 60% based on Carbon Cure findings.		

Size C

OTHER PILOT-SPECIFIC PARAMETERS (formerly 'General Parameters' in CIP Calculator):

PEAK REDUCTION FACTOR The estimated average annual effect of the project on system peak. It is estimated to be 1% for energy efficiency pilots. The method for other innovative resources should be considered in the context of specific utility proposals. Peak Reduction Factor will be used in the Utility Cost and Non Participant Cost tests for the NGIA evaluation criteria.

Calculations & Other Explanation:

VARIABLE O&M

Values now linked directly back to planning assumptions tab (possible given the combination of formerly separate Exhibits P and N into a single file)

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:
Variable O&M Cost, Applies to all project sizes	\$ 0.05	\$ 0.04	\$ 0.04	\$ 0.04	\$ 0.04	per Dth

The CIP methodology is used for energy efficiency. However, the value for other innovative resources should be considered in the context of specific utility proposals. For example, resources like power-to-hydrogen and RNG may not decrease O&M costs as they also need to be transported to customers on the distribution system. Variable O&M will be used in the Utility Cost and Non Participant Cost tests for the NGIA evaluation criteria.

Calculations & Other Explanation:

Escalation rate	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	
	N/A	-5.250%	-5.250%	-5.250%	-5.250%	((for each pilot analysis year)

Annual Escalation Rate calculated using the average percent change in the price of natural gas between 2023 through 2027 to all users in the West North Central Region as estimated in the Energy Information Administration's 2023 Annual Energy Outlook

NON-GAS FUEL COST

	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:
Non-Gas (i.e., Electric) Fuel Cost	\$ 44.14 per MWh

The CIP methodology is used for all resources other than strategic electrification. The method for strategic electrification should be considered in the context of specific utility pilot proposals. Equal to the average of daily real-time final market locational marginal prices (LMP) at the Minnesota Hub from January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022 using data from Midwest Independent System Operator (MISO).

Calculations & Other Explanation:

NON-GAS FUEL LOSS FACTOR

Non-Gas Fuel Loss Factor	8.22%
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The CIP methodology is used for all resources other than strategic electrification. The method for strategic electrification should be considered in the context of specific utility pilot proposals. In the most recent CIP, Staff used the weighted average of the most recent loss factors reported by Minnesota Power, Xcel Energy, and Otter Tail Power's reported 2021 transmission and distribution loss factors and weighting by the utilities' 2017-2019 average retail sales.

Calculations & Other Explanation:

OTHER QUANTITATIVE CRITERIA:

	USD Cost Unit:	
Other Non-GHG Pollutants, Size A	\$ 0.37 per Dth	Generally no change from CIP methodology. The factor is calculated using the final environmental cost values approved by Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (Commission). The factors are reported in 2021 dollars in Table 2 below, which were calculated by inflating the Commission's approved dollar per ton environmental cost values using escalation rate to adjust by observed inflation between 2014 and 2021. Stakeholders expressed a preference for allowing utilities to select different externality values for pilots targeting specific geographies or populations. For example, an energy efficiency project that targets an urban area might use the urban value rather than the metropolitan fringe value. Similarly, a project targeting a low-income population might use a high value rather than the median. Utilities can make deviations such as these in their NGIA plans if they can provide justification for the change. Instead of requiring the use of median metropolitan fringe values for all non-GHG pollutants, as shown in Table 1 of the Commission's January 3, 2018 Order in Docket No. E0899/C14-643, utilities may use the value most applicable for the pilot or measure.
Other Non-GHG Pollutants, Size B	\$ 0.37 per Dth	
Other Non-GHG Pollutants, Size C	\$ 0.37 per Dth	

Calculations & Other Explanation:

OTHER NON-GHG	2024 Gas environmental damage from all criteria pollutants combined	\$ 0.37
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POLLUTANTS

2022 Gas environmental damage from all criteria pollutants combined \$ 0.34

Escalation rate from legislation Annual escalation rate 0.0779 2022 USD adjustment to 2024 USD 3.82% Annual escalation rate calculated as the average of the 12-month percentage change in the "all items" customer price index available from the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics between 2018 and 2022. <https://www.bls.gov/charts/consumer-price-index>

NET JOB CREATION

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Total during 5 program years	Remainder of project life	
Net Direct Job Creation, Size A	1	0	5	1	1	8	19	# of jobs
Net Direct Job Creation, Size B	1	0	9	2	2	14	30	# of jobs
Net Direct Job Creation, Size C	1	0	14	4	1	19	45	# of jobs
Net Indirect Job Creation, Size A	1	0	5	1	1	7	19	# of jobs
Net Indirect Job Creation, Size B	0	0	9	2	2	14	35	# of jobs
Net Indirect Job Creation, Size C	0	0	14	4	2	20	53	# of jobs
Net Induced Job Creation, Size A	1	0	6	1	1	9	20	# of jobs
Net Induced Job Creation, Size B	0	0	12	3	2	17	28	# of jobs
Net Induced Job Creation, Size A	0	0	18	4	1	23	58	# of jobs

Utilities should consider both jobs created by proposed pilots and jobs that may be eliminated by proposed pilots.

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Calculations & Other Explanation:
 Job numbers are estimated as Full Time Equivalents (FTE) and are rounded off.

PUBLIC CO-BENEFITS

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:	
Public Co-Benefits, Size A	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year	Quantifiable in some cases. If this metric isn't quantifiable, there is space for any qualitative comments in the Additional Qualitative Considerations section below.
Public Co-Benefits, Size B	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year	
Public Co-Benefits, Size C	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year	

Calculations & Other Explanation:

WATER POLLUTION

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:	
Water Pollution, Size A	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year	The legislation left the door open to quantify any costs and benefits on water pollution. This might be quantifiable for some of the projects. If this metric isn't quantifiable, there is space for any qualitative comments in the Additional Qualitative Considerations section below.
Water Pollution, Size B	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year	
Water Pollution, Size C	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year	

Calculations & Other Explanation:

ADDITIONAL QUALITATIVE CONSIDERATIONS:

NGIA Utility Perspective Notes:
 It is expected that most of the utility perspective costs and benefits will be quantifiable with and should be heavily informed by the structural values and CIP quantification methods.

Definition:

NGIA Participants'

Perspective Notes:

Definition: It is expected that many of the elements of the participant perspective, with respect to the direct effect of pilots, will be quantifiable and will rely on the structural values. Add here any information related to some direct effects of pilots on participants that may not be easily quantifiable. For example, increased comfort in a home and health benefits from pilots that improve indoor air quality are two examples of benefits that may be difficult to quantify.

May assist MN businesses in achieving GHG goals

NGIA

Nonparticipating

Customers'

Perspective Notes:

Definition: As with the utility perspective, the direct effects of pilot programs on non-participating customers should be quantified in most cases and can be heavily informed by structural values.

Effects on Other

Energy Systems

and Energy

Security:

Definition: NGIA invites the Commission to consider how innovative resources fit into the energy system with a broader perspective than effects on the gas utility and its customers. Measures like strategic electrification specifically require gas utilities and the Commission to avoid negative effects on the electric system. Further, the NGIA empowers the Commission to consider a wide variety of "costs and benefits that may be expected under a plan," one of which is a reduction of reliance on imported resources and national fuel markets.

GHG Emissions

Notes:

Definition: An innovation plan must include the total lifecycle GHG emissions that the utility projects will be reduced or avoided through implementing the plan. This benefit should be generally quantifiable using the Commission-approved GHG accounting framework and GHG externality values. Note that this row also calls for discussion of any environmental justice effects of the pilot related to GHG emissions, these may not be quantifiable.

Other Pollution

Notes:

Definition: Include any additional non-GHG environmental costs and benefits. For example, effects on water pollution that may not be quantifiable, or specific air quality benefits to a low income community. Note that this also calls for discussion of any environmental justice effects of the pilot related to non-GHG pollution.

Waste Reduction

and Reuse Notes:

Definition: Waste reduction, reuse, and anaerobic digestion are goals of the NGIA. Includes reduction of water use.

Policy Notes:

Definition: NGIA is intended to help the state achieve certain environmental policy goals including geologic gas throughput reduction and increased use of renewable resources.

Net Job Creation

Notes:

Definition: An innovation plan must include, as applicable, "projected local job impacts resulting from implementation of the plan." Utilities should consider both jobs created by proposed pilots and jobs that may be eliminated by proposed pilots.

Economic

Development

Notes:

Definition: The Commission must make a finding that the innovation plan "promotes local economic development." Creation of jobs is a form of economic development, but economic development is broader. For example, pilots that pay workers a living wage or support apprenticeships or training opportunities would provide additional economic benefits. Likely that many projects will satisfy IRA labor requirements; will help MN build carbon capture workforce as carbon capture poised for growth due to IRA

Public Co-Benefits

Notes:

Definition: There may be public benefits for certain pilots. For example, the NGIA is intended to help support wastewater treatment and organics recycling. This category could also include odor effects on Minnesota communities – either reductions in unpleasant odors or increased odor problems.

Market

Development

Notes:

Definition:

The NGIA supports the development of new markets or expansion of markets in Minnesota. For example, utilities are required to describe whether proposed plans support the development of alternative agricultural products, as well as the geographic areas of the state where benefits are realized

May help MN businesses appeal to customers interested in sustainability; carbon capture may produce by-products for resale

Direct Innovation.

Support Notes:

Definition:

This category is intended to answer how the proposed pilot supports the development and increased deployment of innovative resources beyond the direct program impacts. For example, research and development projects, which are permitted under the NGIA,40 are unlikely to produce significant benefits on their own but are intended to lead to future opportunities.

Opportunity for customers to learn about novel options for reducing GHGs from their systems

Resource

Scalability and Role

in a Decarbonized

System Notes:

Definition:

While NGIA pilots may have small impacts in the near-term, stakeholders felt it was important for the Commission to consider the potential importance of each resource in a decarbonized energy system. The NGIA requires the Commission to consider changes to natural gas utility and regulatory policy structures needed to meet or exceed Minnesota's GHG reduction goals. NGIA pilots should provide valuable information to the Commission as it considers the energy future of the state.

Carbon capture poised to become more affordable and scalable as a result of IRA; carbon capture may be best decarb options for high heat load processes; carbon capture can be used in conjunction with RNG to drive net negative emissions



CNP13 - Carbon Capture Rebates for Commercial Buildings

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NGIA Pilot Profiles Workbook

March 15th 2024 Update: The assumed participating units have been reduced, to reflect expectations for a slower/longer ramp up period to year 5 participation levels. The portion of units accounted for in the SMB audit program has also been dropped slightly

DESCRIPTION	Pilot Project Code:	CNP13
	Pilot Project Name:	Carbon Capture Rebates for Commercial Buildings
	Customer Class/ Sector:	C&I
	Low-Income Community Benefit?	N
	Target Area:	Territory-wide
	Primary Innovative Resource Category:	Carbon Capture <small>Select primary Innovation Category. Others can be listed here</small>
	Pilot Description:	
	CenterPoint Energy proposes to provide rebates to commercial customers that install CarbinX carbon capture systems manufactured by the Canadian company CleanO2.	
	Overview of Program/Implementation Approach:	
	Customer would own and operate CarbinX Unit with standard support from CleanO2. In addition to the manufacturer maintaining the units, they arrange for the potassium carbonate by-product to be collected on a regular basis, with customers earning revenue for its sale.	
Other Comments / Information:		
CenterPoint Energy is currently piloting CarbinX units through CIP R&D. Pending results of those test, CIP may offer a rebate for the energy efficiency component of the CarbinX savings (which could reduce NGIA incentive levels).		

KEY PILOT-SPECIFIC INPUTS:

NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS	Pilot Year	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5		
	Calendar Year	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028		
	Participating Units, Size A	3	8	18	38	73	<i>Incremental units added, annual (not cumulative).</i>	
	Participating Units, Size B	73	148	148	148	148		
	Participating Units, Size C	148	298	298	298	298		
	<i>Unit of Participation = CarbinX systems installed</i>							
	Calculations & Other Explanation:							
	CarbinX Units assumed to be installed in (Size A) of Pilot 20:	2	2	2	2	2	Since the equivalent incentives would be offered directly through pilot #20, reducing participation here to reflect (a portion) of that participation from pilot #20	
	Total Participation Scenarios for Carbin X Unit Installs							
	Participating Units, Size A	5	10	20	40	75	March 15th 2024 Update: The assumed participating units have been reduced, to reflect expectations for a slower/longer ramp up period to year 5 participation levels. The portion of units accounted for in the SMB audit program has also been dropped slightly (from :	
Participating Units, Size B	75	150	150	150	150			
Participating Units, Size C	150	300	300	300	300			

COSTS	Annual Total Utility Incremental Cost, Size A	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:		
		\$ 72,000	\$ 103,470	\$ 164,984	\$ 134,544	\$ 206,150		total cost per year	
	Annual Total Utility Incremental Cost, Size B	\$ 497,000	\$ 948,470	\$ 949,984	\$ 359,544	\$ 361,150		total cost per year	
	Annual Total Utility Incremental Cost, Size C	\$ 985,000	\$ 1,887,310	\$ 1,889,689	\$ 700,140	\$ 702,664		total cost per year	
	<i>These incremental utility costs are what will count against the NGIA budget cap for this measure and will be used in the Utility Cost, and Non Participant Cost tests for the NGIA evaluation criteria. This is the sum of utility admin costs to run pilot, any incentive funding to support project deployment, and/or the utility's annual revenue requirement for capital investments made on select pilots.</i>								
	Fixed O&M Cost, Size A	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:		
		\$ 54,000	\$ 55,470	\$ 56,984	\$ 58,544	\$ 60,150		total cost per year	
	Fixed O&M Cost, Size B	\$ 59,000	\$ 60,470	\$ 61,984	\$ 63,544	\$ 65,150		total cost per year	
	Fixed O&M Cost, Size C	\$ 97,000	\$ 99,310	\$ 101,689	\$ 104,140	\$ 106,664		total cost per year	
	<i>Fixed O&M Cost is the result of adding up Total Project Delivery, Advertising and Promotions, Utility Administration, Trade Ally Incentives, and Workforce Development of Market Transformation Cost</i>								
Total Project Delivery, Size A	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:			
	\$ 49,000	\$ 50,470	\$ 51,984	\$ 53,544	\$ 55,150		per year		
Total Project Delivery, Size B	\$ 49,000	\$ 50,470	\$ 51,984	\$ 53,544	\$ 55,150		per year		
Total Project Delivery, Size C	\$ 77,000	\$ 79,310	\$ 81,689	\$ 84,140	\$ 86,664		per year		
<i>Total Internal and external project delivery</i>									
Internal Project Delivery, Size A	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:			
	\$ 49,000	\$ 50,470	\$ 51,984	\$ 53,544	\$ 55,150		per year		
Internal Project Delivery, Size B	\$ 49,000	\$ 50,470	\$ 51,984	\$ 53,544	\$ 55,150		per year		
Internal Project Delivery, Size C	\$ 77,000	\$ 79,310	\$ 81,689	\$ 84,140	\$ 86,664		per year		
<i>CNP staff. These costs are sub-set of the Utility "Fixed O&M Cost" category above.</i>									
External Project Delivery, Size A	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:			
	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		per year		
External Project Delivery, Size B	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		per year		
External Project Delivery, Size C	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		per year		
<i>External vendor costs would include direct install costs where CNP reimburses the vendor. These costs are sub-set of the Utility "Fixed O&M Cost" category above.</i>									
Advertising and Promotions, Size A	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:			
	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000		per year		
Advertising and Promotions, Size B	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000		per year		
<i>These costs are sub-set of the Utility "Fixed O&M Cost" category above.</i>									

UTILITY PILOT COSTS

Advertising and Promotions, Size C	\$	20,000	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000	per year
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	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:
Allocation of General Portfolio Costs, Size A						per year
Allocation of General Portfolio Costs, Size B						per year
Allocation of General Portfolio Costs, Size C						per year

Share of portfolio level costs, including plan development costs, regulatory costs, and general portfolio costs

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:
Trade Ally Incentives, Size A	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year
Trade Ally Incentives, Size B	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year
Trade Ally Incentives, Size C	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year

If applicable, include here the annual amount of trade ally incentives (e.g. midstream program)

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:
Workforce Development or Market Transformation Cost, Size A	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year
Workforce Development or Market Transformation Cost, Size B	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year
Workforce Development or Market Transformation Cost, Size C	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year

These costs are sub-set of the Utility "Fixed O&M Cost" category above.

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:
Other Fixed O&M Cost, Size A	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year
Other Fixed O&M Cost, Size B	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year
Other Fixed O&M Cost, Size C	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year

These costs are sub-set of the Utility "Fixed O&M Cost" category above.

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:
Total utility capital investment, Size A	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year
Total utility capital investment, Size B	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year
Total utility capital investment, Size C	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year

This tracks expectations for when this pilot would require capital investments from the utility, if applicable. This will not directly feed into the incremental costs for NGIA, but instead will be used to estimate the timing and level of annual revenue requirement resulting from these capital investments (shown below).

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:
Est. Annual Revenue Requirement for Capital Projects, Size A	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year
Est. Annual Revenue Requirement for Capital Projects, Size B	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year
Est. Annual Revenue Requirement for Capital Projects, Size C	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year

For capital projects, the incremental cost impact on the NGIA budget is the annual revenue requirement (return of and on capital additions), as well as the utility "Fixed O&M Costs" captured above. This revenue requirement is calculated from the magnitude & timing of capital investment captured above, based on expected measure life (and depreciation time period), as well as the utility's return on investment.

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:
Est. Total Revenue Requirement for Capital Projects, Size A						per year
Est. Total Revenue Requirement for Capital Projects, Size B						per year
Est. Total Revenue Requirement for Capital Projects, Size C						per year

The total revenue requirement is calculated from the magnitude & timing of total capital investment captured above, based on expected measure life (and depreciation time period), as well as the utility's return on investment. This cost is noted here for reference, it's not used to calculate any of the NGIA evaluation criteria.

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:
Incentives, Size A	\$ 18,000	\$ 48,000	\$ 108,000	\$ 76,000	\$ 146,000	per year
Incentives, Size B	\$ 438,000	\$ 888,000	\$ 888,000	\$ 296,000	\$ 296,000	per year
Incentives, Size C	\$ 888,000	\$ 1,788,000	\$ 1,788,000	\$ 596,000	\$ 596,000	per year

This tracks total incentives paid directly to customers (customer rebates like money, gift cards or other fungible payments, etc). Do not include here cost of customer benefits delivered directly to the customer by a program vendor (paying for the cost of energy/G&G audits or direct install measures), or making a capital investment in a customer's project where the customer doesn't hold equipment ownership. Incentives will be used in the Participant Cost tests for the NGIA evaluation criteria.

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:
Incentives per Participant, Size A	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	per participant per year
Incentives per Participant, Size B	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	per participant per year
Incentives per Participant, Size C	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	per participant per year

Incentives per participant is a function of total incentives paid directly to customers.

Calculations & Other Explanation:

Plan for NGIA incentives is to support the installation of the units.

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5
Incentive per installation:	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$2,000	\$2,000

Note, in years 1 - 3, CenterPoint plans to offer an \$8,000 rebate for initial installations, and a \$3,000 rebate for a customer's subsequent installations at additional sites. We assume 60% of incentives will go to first time installations, and 40% to subsequent installations, resulting in an average of \$6,000 rebate per installation. Additionally, these incentives might be varied over pilot years (e.g. higher for initial installations, and then scaled down overtime) or by different types/sizes of facility.

TOTAL AND DIRECT PARTICIPANT PILOT COSTS

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:
Total Pilot Upfront Costs, Size A	\$ 39,000	\$ 40,490	\$ 42,037	\$ 43,642	\$ 45,309	per participant
Total Pilot Upfront Costs, Size B	\$ 39,000	\$ 40,490	\$ 42,037	\$ 43,642	\$ 45,309	per participant
Total Pilot Upfront Costs, Size C	\$ 39,000	\$ 40,490	\$ 42,037	\$ 43,642	\$ 45,309	per participant

This represents the total equipment and installation costs for technologies implemented as part of this pilot (specifically non-utility capital projects that were captured separately above). This cost does not account for what portion of costs may be covered by utility incentives, nor include utility program admin costs.

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:
Third Party Funding, Size A	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per participant
Third Party Funding, Size B	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per participant
Third Party Funding, Size C	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per participant

If there are expectations for external funding sources (e.g. IRA, etc) account for those values here. This funding is noted here for reference, it's not used to calculate any of the NGIA evaluation criteria.

Description of source of external funding:

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:
Direct Participant Pilot Costs, Size A	\$ 33,000	\$ 34,490	\$ 36,037	\$ 41,642	\$ 43,309	per participant
Direct Participant Pilot Costs, Size B	\$ 33,000	\$ 34,490	\$ 36,037	\$ 41,642	\$ 43,309	per participant
Direct Participant Pilot Costs, Size C	\$ 33,000	\$ 34,490	\$ 36,037	\$ 41,642	\$ 43,309	per participant

This represents the upfront costs to participants who participate in this pilot. This is a calculated value, where utility incentives are subtracted from the total upfront project costs. Direct Participant Pilot costs will be used in the Participant Cost tests for the NGIA evaluation criteria. Note: some pilots taking a Direct Install approach may see the utility covering all costs, with no upfront financial contribution from the participant.

Calculations & Other Explanation:

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5
Escalation rate	3.82%	3.82%	3.82%	3.82%	3.82%

For an escalation rate, we use the average of the 12-month percentage change in the "all items" consumer price index available from the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics, as reported in December for each of the last five years. Using the most recently available data.

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:
Participant Non-Energy Costs, Size A	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per participant per year of pilot life

This includes any increased in costs like equipment operating costs or increased water costs. Participant Non-Energy Costs will be used in the

PARTICIPANT NON-ENERGY COSTS	Participant Non-Energy Costs, Size B	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	per participant per year of pilot life	<i>Participant Cost tests for the NGIA evaluation criteria.</i>
	Participant Non-Energy Costs, Size C	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	per participant per year of pilot life	
	Calculations & Other Explanation:												
	Escalation rate	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5						(for each pilot analysis year)	<i>For an escalation rate, we use</i>
			3.82%	3.82%	3.82%	3.82%	3.82%						
	Note, there are on-going costs for the unit, in particular raw material costs for chemicals that need to continually be replenished for the capture unit to function. However this category of cost (any O&M and raw material costs) is covered already by CleanO2 under the on-going service agreement they put in place with customers. Essentially the recurring revenue that customers receive from CleanO2 for the by-product has been reduced to cover raw materials and maintenance costs.												

PARTICIPANT NON-ENERGY SAVINGS	Participant Non-Energy Savings, Size A	\$	2,000	\$	2,000	\$	2,000	\$	2,000	\$	2,000	per participant per year of pilot life	<i>This includes any operating savings like water savings.</i>
	Participant Non-Energy Savings, Size B	\$	2,000	\$	2,000	\$	2,000	\$	2,000	\$	2,000	per participant per year of pilot life	
	Participant Non-Energy Savings, Size C	\$	2,000	\$	2,000	\$	2,000	\$	2,000	\$	2,000	per participant per year of pilot life	
	Calculations & Other Explanation:												
	Total Annual CO2 Captured		708	kg CO2 / year									
	By-product generated per kg of CO2 captured		3.14	kg of									
	Revenue customer receives per year from sale of by-		\$0.90	per kg of									
	The balanced chemical equation says that 112 kg of KOH will react with 44 kg of CO2 to form 138 kg of K2CO3 plus 18 kg of H2O.												

PILOT LIFE	Average Lifetime for Savings/Pilot Tech, Size A		20	years								
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NATURAL GAS ENERGY SAVINGS: AVG. Dth/ PARTICIPANT SAVED	Avg. Dth/Participant Saved, Size A		89.3	Dth/Participant	Estimated savings based on manufacturer expectations for overall GHG reduction and assumed split between carbon capture savings and demand reduction savings																																																																																																																
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PEAK REDUCTION FACTOR	Peak Reduction Factor	1%					The estimated average annual effect of the project on system peak. It is estimated to be 1% for energy efficiency pilots. The method for other innovative resources should be considered in the context of specific utility proposals. Peak Reduction Factor will be used in the Utility Cost and Non Participant Cost tests for the NGIA evaluation criteria.																				
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NON-GAS FUEL LOSS FACTOR	Non-Gas Fuel Loss Factor	8.22%					The CIP methodology is used for all resources other than strategic electrification. The method for strategic electrification should be considered in the context of specific utility pilot proposals. In the most recent CIP, Staff used the weighted average of the most recent loss factors reported by Minnesota Power, Xcel Energy, and Otter Tail Power's reported 2021 transmission and distribution loss factors and weighting by the utilities' 2017-2019 average retail sales																				
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OTHER QUANTITATIVE CRITERIA:

OTHER NON-GHG POLLUTANTS	USD Cost Unit:		Generally no change from CP methodology. The factor is calculated using the final environmental cost values approved by Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (Commission). The factors are reported in 2021 dollars in Table 2 below, which were calculated by inflating the Commission's approved dollar per ton environmental cost values using escalation rate to adjust by observed inflation between 2014 and 2021. Stakeholders expressed a preference for allowing utilities to select different externality values for pilots targeting specific geographies or populations. For example, an energy efficiency project that targets an urban area might use the urban value rather than the metropolitan fringe value. Similarly, a project targeting a low-income population might use a high value rather than the median. Utilities can make deviations such as these in their NGIA plans if they can provide justification for the change. Instead of requiring the use of median metropolitan fringe values for all non-GHG pollutants, as shown in Table 1 of the Commission's January 3, 2018 Order in Docket No. E1999/C1-14-643, utilities may use the value most applicable for the pilot or measure.
	Other Non-GHG Pollutants, Size A	0.37 per Dth	
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<u>Calculations & Other Explanation:</u>			

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WATER POLLUTION	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:		
	Water Pollution, Size A	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year	The legislation left the door open to quantify any costs and benefits on water pollution. This might be quantifiable for some of the projects. If this metric isn't quantifiable, there is space for any qualitative comments in the Additional Qualitative Considerations section below.
	Water Pollution, Size B	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year	
	Water Pollution, Size C	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year	
<u>Calculations & Other Explanation:</u>								

ADDITIONAL QUALITATIVE CONSIDERATIONS:

NGIA Utility

Perspective Notes:

It is expected that most of the utility perspective costs and benefits will be quantifiable with and should be heavily informed by the structural values and CIP quantification methods.

Definition:

NGIA Participants

Perspective Notes:

Definition:

It is expected that many of the elements of the participant perspective, with respect to the direct effect of pilots, will be quantifiable and will rely on the structural values. Add here any information related to some direct effects of pilots on participants that may not be easily quantifiable. For example, increased comfort in a home and health benefits from pilots that improve indoor air quality are two examples of benefits that may be difficult to quantify.

May assist MN businesses in achieving GHG goals

**NGIA
Nonparticipating
Customers'
Perspective Notes:**

As with the utility perspective, the direct effects of pilot programs on non-participating customers should be quantified in most cases and can be heavily informed by structural values.

Definition:

**Effects on Other
Energy Systems
and Energy
Security:**

NGIA invites the Commission to consider how innovative resources fit into the energy system with a broader perspective than effects on the gas utility and its customers. Measures like strategic electrification specifically require gas utilities and the Commission to avoid negative effects on the electric system. Further, the NGIA empowers the Commission to consider a wide variety of "costs and benefits that may be expected under a plan," one of which is a reduction of reliance on imported resources and national fuel markets.

Reduces overall energy consumption

GHG Emissions

Notes:

An innovation plan must include the total lifecycle GHG emissions that the utility projects will be reduced or avoided through implementing the plan. This benefit should be generally quantifiable using the Commission-approved GHG accounting framework and GHG externality values. Note that this row also calls for discussion of any environmental justice effects of the pilot related to GHG emissions, these may not be quantifiable.

Other Pollution

Notes:

Include any additional non-GHG environmental costs and benefits. For example, effects on water pollution that may not be quantifiable, or specific air quality benefits to a low income community. Note that this also calls for discussion of any environmental justice effects of the pilot related to non-GHG pollution.

**Waste Reduction
and Reuse Notes:**

Waste reduction, reuse, and anaerobic digestion are goals of the NGIA. Includes reduction of water use.

Definition:

Policy Notes:

NGIA is intended to help the state achieve certain environmental policy goals including geologic gas throughput reduction and increased use of renewable resources.

Definition:

Reduces fossil gas throughput

Net Job Creation

Notes:

An innovation plan must include, as applicable, "projected local job impacts resulting from implementation of the plan." Utilities should consider both jobs created by proposed pilots and jobs that may be eliminated by proposed pilots.

Definition:

**Economic
Development**

Notes:

The Commission must make a finding that the innovation plan "promotes local economic development." Creation of jobs is a form of economic development, but economic development is broader. For example, pilots that pay workers a living wage or support apprenticeships or training opportunities would provide additional economic benefits.

Manufacturer intends to establish MN office in 2023

Public Co-Benefits

Notes:

Definition: There may be public benefits for certain pilots. For example, the NGIA is intended to help support wastewater treatment and organics recycling. This category could also include odor effects on Minnesota communities – either reductions in unpleasant odors or increased odor problems.

Market

Development

Notes:

Definition: The NGIA supports the development of new markets or expansion of markets in Minnesota. For example, utilities are required to describe whether proposed plans support the development of alternative agricultural products, as well as the geographic areas of the state where benefits are realized

May help MN businesses appeal to customers interested in sustainability; carbon capture will produce by-products for resale

Direct Innovation

Support Notes:

Definition: This category is intended to answer how the proposed pilot supports the development and increased deployment of innovative resources beyond the direct program impacts. For example, research and development projects, which are permitted under the NGIA.40 are unlikely to produce significant benefits on their own but are intended to lead to future opportunities.

Opportunity for customers to learn about novel options for reducing GHGs from their systems; version 4 unit is forthcoming with expected larger carbon capture percentages and application to more building types

Resource

Scalability and Role

in a Decarbonized

System Notes:

Definition:

While NGIA pilots may have small impacts in the near-term, stakeholders felt it was important for the Commission to consider the potential importance of each resource in a decarbonized energy system. The NGIA requires the Commission to consider changes to natural gas utility and regulatory policy structures needed to meet or exceed Minnesota's GHG reduction goals. NGIA pilots should provide valuable information to the Commission as it considers the energy future of the state.

Carbon capture may be used in conjunction with RNG to drive net negative emissions



DESCRIPTION	Pilot Project Code:	CNP14	
	Pilot Project Name:	New Networked Geothermal Systems Pilot	
	Customer Class/ Sector:	C&I & Res	
	Low-Income Community Benefit?	Y - preference for location in a low income community	
	Target Area:	Urban	
	Primary Innovative Resource Category:	District Energy	
	Select primary Innovation Category. Others can be listed here:		
	Pilot Description:		
	CenterPoint Energy proposes to develop a new networked geothermal system to provide building heat and cooling for a neighborhood currently served by the Company. This involves installation of a new 'distributed' geothermal system where individual customers would have a heat pump accessing a common water loop (instead of their own geothermal wells or air source heat pumps). The pilot begins with a feasibility study, planning and modeling, and site selection, prior to design and construction.		
	Overview of Program/ Implementation Approach:		
The proposed approach follows pilots being planned by gas utilities, including National Grid, in Massachusetts. CenterPoint Energy would own and operate the geothermal shared loop system, which would be installed in phases over the 5-year program period. Entire sections of the neighborhood(s) would be shifted off the natural gas distribution system at the same time. In addition to converting gas space and water heating to ground source heat pumps drawing on the shared loop, any other gas appliances would be converted to electric appliances. The pilot program would cover all of these upfront costs for customers, requiring only a roughly 5% co-payment / participant fee from customers in the participating neighborhood.			
Other Comments / Information:			
Metrics are applied on a per-ton basis, with different size assumptions (200 tons, 500 tons, and 1000 tons of total heating/cooling capacity, installed in phases over a 5 year period). A neighborhood including a low-income community with varied loads (residential, retail, office, grocery) is preferred.			
There is significant uncertainty in the costs and savings that would result from this pilot, and a more detailed engineering study, neighborhood selection, and system design is required to better understand the opportunity for CenterPoint Energy.			

KEY PILOT-SPECIFIC INPUTS:

NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS	Pilot Year	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5		
	Calendar Year	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028		
	Size A: 200 Ton Heating/Cooling Capacity	0	0	100	100	0	Units: Tons, shown as the incremental tons installed each year (not cumulative total); Includes a rough approximation of how capital investment for large pilot options might be spread over multiple years.	
	Size B: 500 Ton Heating/Cooling Capacity	0	0	200	300	0		
	Size C: 1000 Ton Heating/Cooling Capacity	0	0	200	400	400		
	Unit of Participation = Tons Heating/Cooling Capacity							
	Calculations & Other Explanation:							
		Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5		
	Cumulative Networked Geothermal System Size (Tons Capacity), Size A	-	-	100	200	200		
	Cumulative Networked Geothermal System Size (Tons Capacity), Size B	-	-	200	500	500		
Cumulative Networked Geothermal System Size (Tons Capacity), Size B	-	-	200	600	1,000			

ANNUAL TOTAL UTILITY INCREMENTAL COST, SIZE A	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:	
	\$ 410,000	\$ 483,827	\$ 515,050	\$ 637,928	\$ 751,282	total cost per year	These incremental utility costs are what will count against the NGIA budget cap for this measure and will be used in the Utility Cost, and Non Participant Cost tests for the NGIA evaluation criteria. This is the sum of utility admin costs to run pilot, any incentive funding to support project deployment, and/or the utility's annual revenue requirement for capital investments made on select pilots.
	\$ 449,189	\$ 1,074,381	\$ 1,161,828	\$ 1,463,807	\$ 1,707,170	total cost per year	
	\$ 638,378	\$ 2,182,511	\$ 2,269,958	\$ 2,628,161	\$ 3,163,072	total cost per year	
	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:	
	\$ 410,000	\$ 483,827	\$ 458,827	\$ 494,121	\$ 579,415	total cost per year	Fixed O&M Cost is the result of adding up Total Project Delivery, Advertising and Promotions, Utility Administration, Trade Ally Incentives, and Workforce Development of Market Transformation Cost
	\$ 449,189	\$ 1,074,381	\$ 1,049,381	\$ 1,119,969	\$ 1,275,851	total cost per year	
	\$ 638,378	\$ 2,182,511	\$ 2,157,511	\$ 2,228,100	\$ 2,419,276	total cost per year	
	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:	
	\$ 385,000	\$ 458,827	\$ 458,827	\$ 494,121	\$ 579,415	per year	Total internal and external project delivery
\$ 424,189	\$ 1,049,381	\$ 1,049,381	\$ 1,119,969	\$ 1,275,851	per year		
\$ 613,378	\$ 2,157,511	\$ 2,157,511	\$ 2,228,100	\$ 2,419,276	per year		
Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:		
\$ 150,000	\$ 150,000	\$ 150,000	\$ 185,294	\$ 220,588	per year	CNP staff. These costs are sub-set of the Utility 'Fixed O&M Cost' category above.	
\$ 189,189	\$ 189,189	\$ 189,189	\$ 259,777	\$ 365,660	per year		
\$ 378,378	\$ 378,378	\$ 378,378	\$ 448,967	\$ 590,143	per year		
Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:		
\$ 235,000	\$ 308,827	\$ 308,827	\$ 308,827	\$ 358,827	per year	External vendor costs would include direct install costs where CNP reimburses the vendor. These costs are sub-set of the Utility 'Fixed O&M Cost' category above.	
\$ 235,000	\$ 860,191	\$ 860,191	\$ 860,191	\$ 910,191	per year		
\$ 235,000	\$ 1,779,133	\$ 1,779,133	\$ 1,779,133	\$ 1,829,133	per year		
Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:		
\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year	These costs are sub-set of the Utility 'Fixed O&M Cost' category above.	
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Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:		
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year	Share of portfolio level costs, including plan development costs, regulatory costs, and general portfolio costs	
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year		
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Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:		
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year	If applicable, include here the annual amount of trade ally incentives (e.g. midstream program)	
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year		
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\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year	These costs are sub-set of the Utility 'Fixed O&M Cost' category above.	
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Workforce Development or Market Transformation Cost, Size A

UTILITY PILOT COSTS

Other Fixed O&M Cost, Size A
 Other Fixed O&M Cost, Size B
 Other Fixed O&M Cost, Size C

\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	per year
\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	per year

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:
\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	per year
\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	per year
\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	per year

These costs are sub-set of the Utility 'Fixed O&M Cost' category above.

Total utility capital investment, Size A
 Total utility capital investment, Size B
 Total utility capital investment, Size C

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:
\$	-	\$	617,647	\$	617,647	per year
\$	-	\$	1,235,294	\$	1,852,941	per year
\$	-	\$	1,235,294	\$	2,470,588	per year

This tracks expectations for when this pilot would require capital investments from the utility, if applicable. This will not directly feed into the incremental costs for NGIA, but instead will be used to estimate the timing and level of annual revenue requirement resulting from these capital investments (shown below).

Est. Annual Revenue Requirement for Capital Projects, Size A
 Est. Annual Revenue Requirement for Capital Projects, Size B
 Est. Annual Revenue Requirement for Capital Projects, Size C

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:
\$	-	\$	56,223	\$	143,807	per year
\$	-	\$	112,447	\$	343,838	per year
\$	-	\$	112,447	\$	400,062	per year

For capital projects, the incremental cost impact on the NGIA budget is the annual revenue requirement (return of and on capital additions), as well as the utility 'Fixed O&M Costs' captured above. This revenue requirement is calculated from the magnitude & timing of capital investment captured above, based on expected measure life (and depreciation time period), as well as the utility's return on investment.

Est. Total Revenue Requirement for Capital Projects, Size A
 Est. Total Revenue Requirement for Capital Projects, Size B
 Est. Total Revenue Requirement for Capital Projects, Size C

Total	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:
\$ 3,705,572	total cost
\$ 9,283,930	total cost
\$ 18,527,861	total cost

The total revenue requirement is calculated from the magnitude & timing of total capital investment captured above, based on expected measure life (and depreciation time period), as well as the utility's return on investment. This cost is noted here for reference, it's not used to calculate any of the NGIA evaluation criteria.

Incentives, Size A
 Incentives, Size B
 Incentives, Size C

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:
\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	per year
\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	per year
\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	per year

This tracks total incentives paid directly to customers (customer rebates like money, gift cards or other fungible payments, etc.). Do not include here cost of customer benefits delivered directly to the customer by a program vendor (paying for the cost of energy/GHG audits or direct install measures), or making a capital investment in a customer's project where the customer doesn't hold equipment ownership. Incentives will be used to offset the incremental cost of the pilot.

Incentives per Participant, Size A
 Incentives per Participant, Size B
 Incentives per Participant, Size C

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:
#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	\$	-	\$	-	per participant per year
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Incentives per participant is a function of total incentives paid directly to customers.

Calculations & Other Explanation:

Feasibility Study Cost: \$200,000 M&V - Total Cost for Whole Pilot: \$50,000

One of the more comprehensive cost estimates for a networked geothermal pilot that is available is from National Grid's Boston Gas Company. This breakdown has been pasted into cells R24 to T263 of this tab. This breakdown is used to develop estimates for the following cost categories, which are then used to estimate costs for different pilot sizes here. One update made to the National Grid Numbers was the Capex per ton, which are instead using networked geothermal CAPEX cost data provided by HEET/BuroHappold as part of the 'Future of Gas' study in Massachusetts. More specifically using the base cost option for medium-density mixed neighborhoods (e.g. mk

CapEx (HEET/BuroHappold):	\$	8,824	per ton							Total \$ per ton
GSHPs (National Grid):	\$	-		\$967	\$1,934	\$967	\$0			\$3,867
CapEx (National Grid):	\$	-		\$1,717	\$3,433	\$1,717	\$0			\$6,867 row 140 instead)
OpEx- Internal Project Delivery (National Grid):	\$	405	\$	405	\$	378	\$	378	\$	\$1,946
OpEx- External Project Delivery (National Grid):	\$	38	\$	1,052	\$	1,876	\$	1,025	\$	\$4,163
Customer Co-pay (National Grid):	\$	\$0		(\$31)	(\$153)	(\$276)	(\$218)			-\$679
Size A		200	Tons							\$16,164 per ton (after customer co-pay)
Size B		500	Tons							\$16,843 per ton (total cost without customer co-pay)
Size C		1000	Tons							

Annual O&M Costs as % of CAPEX: 4%

Total Pilot Upfront Costs, Size A
 Total Pilot Upfront Costs, Size B
 Total Pilot Upfront Costs, Size C

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:
\$	28,504	\$	28,504	\$	28,504	per participant
\$	28,504	\$	28,504	\$	28,504	per participant
\$	28,504	\$	28,504	\$	28,504	per participant

This represents the total equipment and installation costs for technologies implemented as part of this pilot (specifically non-utility capital projects that were captured separately above). This cost does not account for what portion of costs may be covered by utility incentives, nor include utility program admin costs.

Third Party Funding, Size A
 Third Party Funding, Size B
 Third Party Funding, Size C

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:
\$	2,647	\$	2,647	\$	2,647	per participant
\$	2,647	\$	2,647	\$	2,647	per participant
\$	2,647	\$	2,647	\$	2,647	per participant

If there are expectations for external funding sources (e.g. IRA, etc) account for those values here. This funding is noted here for reference, it's not used to calculate any of the NGIA evaluation criteria. In this case we are assuming project would qualify for 30% investment tax credit pursuant to 26 USC 48c as an energy storage facility (which includes thermal energy storage property as defined in 26 USC 48). Assume labor requirements will be satisfied so as to qualify for 30% as opposed to 6%; do not assume that project is installed in an energy community, which would increase

Direct Participant Pilot Costs, Size A
 Direct Participant Pilot Costs, Size B
 Direct Participant Pilot Costs, Size C

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:
\$	679	\$	679	\$	679	per participant
\$	679	\$	679	\$	679	per participant
\$	679	\$	679	\$	679	per participant

This represents the upfront costs to participants who participate in this pilot. This is a calculated value, where utility incentives are subtracted from the total upfront project costs. Direct Participant Pilot costs will be used in the Participant Cost tests for the NGIA evaluation criteria. Note that some pilots taking a 'Direct Install' approach may see the utility covering all costs, with no upfront financial contribution from the participant.

Calculations & Other Explanation:

Escalation rate	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	(for each pilot analysis year)
	3.82%	3.82%	3.82%	3.82%	3.82%	

For an escalation rate, we use

IRA Discount on Capital Costs: 30%
 Assuming project would qualify for 30% investment tax credit pursuant to 26 USC 48E as an energy storage facility (which includes thermal energy storage property as defined in 26 USC 48). Assume labor requirements will be satisfied so as to qualify for 30% as opposed to 6%; do not assume that project is installed in an energy community, which would increase credit amount to 40%.

PARTICIPANT NON-ENERGY COSTS

Participant Non-Energy Costs, Size A
 Participant Non-Energy Costs, Size B
 Participant Non-Energy Costs, Size C

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:
\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	per participant per year of pilot life
\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	per participant per year of pilot life
\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	per participant per year of pilot life

This includes any increased in costs like equipment operating costs or increased water costs. Participant Non-Energy Costs will be used in the Participant Cost tests for the NGIA evaluation criteria. Note, to calculate this metric, you can make one cost estimate for year 1 and then use the escalation rate to estimate each remaining year.

Escalation rate	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	(for each pilot analysis year)
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PILOT LIFE	Average Lifetime for Savings/Pilot Tech, Size A	40 years																													
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Average Lifetime for Savings/Pilot Tech, Size C	40 years																														
Calculations & Other Explanation:																															
NATURAL GAS ENERGY SAVINGS: AVG. Dth/PARTICIPANT SAVED	Avg. Dth/Participant Saved, Size A	419 Dth/Participant					participants are tons, so this is annual gas savings per ton represents annual savings after all equipment is installed (year 4)																								
	Avg. Dth/Participant Saved, Size B	419 Dth/Participant																													
	Avg. Dth/Participant Saved, Size C	419 Dth/Participant																													
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	Geothermal Heating capacity factor	33% (compared to capacity, how much heating energy is used throughout the year)					Three geothermal analyses in New York (NYSEG/RG&E) were heating-dominant as expected in Minnesota Heating capacity factors for these sites were approximately 33% (Rochester), 50% (Itasca), and 66% (Norwich) Minnesota TRM 3.0 Residential Space Heating Hours per year, for Zone 3 (Southern MN / Twin Cities): 1932 Equivalent Full Load Heating Hours 1932 FLHE / 8760 hours/year = 22% capacity factor for just space heating, not accounting for water heating (and commercial buildings served might have higher portion) But there is also the impact of loads not always being co-incident, letting the system provide heat to more buildings given that heating needs may be staggered/offset For now we are basing geothermal capacity factor off the lowest value observed in New York analyses above, 33% (the total savings still seem relatively high compared) Ultimately, the more detailed feasibility study and planning for this pilot would need to assess this value and the gas savings more precisely																								
	Btu/hr, Size A	2823,529																													
	Btu/hr, Size B	7,058,824																													
	Btu/hr, Size C	14,117,647																													
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	Annual Dth, size B	20,392																													
Annual Dth, size C	40,784																														
Replaced Boiler / Furnace Efficiency	85%																														
Additional savings from converted cooking/drying appliances:	111 Dth/ton (participant)					For Midwest region, RECS survey data shows that gas consumption for cooking and drying is equal to 2.72% of gas consumption for space heating and water heating (expected to be displaced by geothermal)																									
AVG. NON-GAS FUEL UNITS/PART.	Avg. Non-Gas Fuel Units/Part. Saved, Size A	0.00 kWh/Participant					Units are kWh; could technically be other non-NG. Avg. Non-Gas Fuel Units/Part. Saved will be used in the Participant Cost tests for the NGIA evaluation criteria.																								
	Avg. Non-Gas Fuel Units/Part. Saved, Size B	0.00 kWh/Participant																													
	Avg. Non-Gas Fuel Units/Part. Saved, Size C	0.00 kWh/Participant																													
	Avg. Additional Non-Gas Fuel Units/Part.Used, Size A	1,407 kWh/Participant					Avg. Additional Non-Gas Fuel Units/Part. Used will be used in the Participant Cost tests for the NGIA evaluation criteria.																								
	Avg. Additional Non-Gas Fuel Units/Part.Used, Size B	1,407 kWh/Participant																													
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Calculations & Other Explanation: Rochester pilot geothermal project (residential/office/retail mixed use loads) showed an increase of 1,407 kWh electricity consumption per ton of geothermal capacity primarily due to increased electricity consumption for space heating in Winter months																															
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GRID MIX SCENARIO	Grid Mix Scenario	NREL					Select one of the listed grid mix scenarios taking into account that: *Utilities shall use electric-utility-specific generation mix information for the renewable natural gas facility when it is reasonably available. When electric utility-specific information is not available, the filing gas utility will use a state-specific generation mix taken from National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL) eGRID data.																								
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This section does not apply to all pilot types. The GHG changes from decreased natural gas and/or electricity consumption will be calculated based on values above. However, for pilots where NGIA requires lifecycle GHG savings (e.g. RNG, hydrogen, carbon capture) this section accounts for the lifecycle change in GHG emissions (per unit of participation).																															
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PEAK REDUCTION FACTOR	Peak Reduction Factor 1% The estimated average annual effect of the project on system peak. It is estimated to be 1% for energy efficiency pilots. The method for other innovative resources should be considered in the context of specific utility proposals. Peak Reduction Factor will be used in the Utility Cost and Non Participant Cost tests for the NGIA evaluation criteria.
	<u>Calculations & Other Explanation:</u>

VARIABLE O&M	Values now linked directly back to planning assumptions tab (possible given the combination of formerly separate Exhibits P and N into a single file)						The CIP methodology is used for energy efficiency. However, the value for other innovative resources should be considered in the context of specific utility proposals. For example, resources like power-to-hydrogen and RMS may not decrease O&M costs as they also need to be transported to customers on the distribution system. Variable O&M will be used in the Utility Cost and Non Participant Cost tests for the NGIA evaluation criteria. Annual Escalation Rate calculated using the average percent change in the price of natural gas between 2023 through 2024.								
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	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:						
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<u>Calculations & Other Explanation:</u>							

NON-GAS FUEL LOSS FACTOR	Non-Gas Fuel Loss Factor 8.22%	The CIP methodology is used for all resources other than strategic electrification. The method for strategic electrification should be considered in the context of specific utility pilot proposals. In the most recent CIP, Staff used the weighted average of the most recent loss factors reported by Minnesota Power, Xcel Energy, and Otter Tail Power's reported 2021 transmission and distribution loss factors and weighting by the utilities' 2017-2019 average retail sales.
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	2022 Gas environmental damage from all criteria pollutants combined	\$ 0.34 per Dth					
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Net Indirect Job Creation, Size A	1	1	2	2	1	7	27	# of jobs
Net Indirect Job Creation, Size B	1	2	4	5	3	16	50	# of jobs
Net Indirect Job Creation, Size C	2	5	5	8	20	41	88	# of jobs

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Net Induced Job Creation, Size A	1	1	2	2	1	7	34	# of jobs
Net Induced Job Creation, Size B	1	2	4	6	3	16	74	# of jobs
Net Induced Job Creation, Size A	2	5	5	9	22	44	142	# of jobs

Calculations & Other Explanation:
 Job numbers are estimated as Full Time Equivalents (FTE) and are rounded off.

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	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:	
Public Co-Benefits, Size A	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year	Quantifiable in some cases. If this metric isn't quantifiable, there is space for any qualitative comments in the Additional Qualitative
Public Co-Benefits, Size B	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year	Considerations section below.
Public Co-Benefits, Size C	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year	

Calculations & Other Explanation:

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Water Pollution, Size A	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year	The legislation left the door open to quantify any costs and benefits on water pollution. This might be quantifiable for some of the projects. If this
Water Pollution, Size B	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year	metric isn't quantifiable, there is space for any qualitative comments in the Additional Qualitative Considerations section below.
Water Pollution, Size C	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year	

Calculations & Other Explanation:

ADDITIONAL QUALITATIVE CONSIDERATIONS:

NGIA Utility
Perspective Notes: It is expected that most of the utility perspective costs and benefits will be quantifiable with and should be heavily informed by the structural values and CIP quantification methods.
Definition:

NGIA Participants'
Perspective Notes: It is expected that many of the elements of the participant perspective, with respect to the direct effect of pilots, will be quantifiable and will rely on the structural values. Add here any information related to some direct effects of pilots on participants that may not be easily quantifiable. For example, increased comfort in a home and health benefits from pilots that improve indoor air quality are two examples of benefits that may be difficult to quantify.
Definition:

NGIA Nonparticipating Customers'
Perspective Notes: As with the utility perspective, the direct effects of pilot programs on non-participating customers should be quantified in most cases and can be heavily informed by structural values.
Definition:

Effects on Other Energy Systems and Energy Security
Definition: NGIA invites the Commission to consider how innovative resources fit into the energy system with a broader perspective than effects on the gas utility and its customers. Measures like strategic electrification specifically require gas utilities and the Commission to avoid negative effects on the electric system. Further, the NGIA empowers the Commission to consider a wide variety of "costs and benefits that may be expected under a plan," one of which is a reduction of reliance on imported resources and national fuel markets. System will also support cooling reducing demand on electric system

GHG Emissions
Notes: An innovation plan must include the total lifecycle GHG emissions that the utility projects will be reduced or avoided through implementing the plan. This benefit should be generally quantifiable using the Commission-approved GHG accounting framework and GHG externality values. Note that this row also calls for discussion of any environmental justice effects of the pilot related to GHG emissions, these may not be quantifiable.
Definition:

Other Pollution

Notes:

Definition:

Include any additional non-GHG environmental costs and benefits. For example, effects on water pollution that may not be quantifiable, or specific air quality benefits to a low income community. Note that this also calls for discussion of any environmental justice effects of the pilot related to non-GHG pollution.

Waste Reduction and Reuse Notes:

Waste reduction, reuse, and anaerobic digestion are goals of the NGIA. Includes reduction of water use.

Policy Notes:

NGIA is intended to help the state achieve certain environmental policy goals including geologic gas throughput reduction and increased use of renewable resources.

Reduces fossil gas throughput; increases use of renewable energy

Net Job Creation

Notes:

An innovation plan must include, as applicable, "projected local job impacts resulting from implementation of the plan." Utilities should consider both jobs created by proposed pilots and jobs that may be eliminated by proposed pilots.

Economic Development

Notes:

The Commission must make a finding that the innovation plan "promotes local economic development." Creation of jobs is a form of economic development, but economic development is broader. For example, pilots that pay workers a living wage or support apprenticeships or training opportunities would provide additional economic benefits.

Will pay prevailing wages; will seek apprentices; will seek to hire from local community; will take advantage of higher IRA credits due to labor practices; networked geothermal projects represent clean energy opportunity for workers from traditional fossil fuel jobs; locally produced technologies will be considered

Public Co-Benefits

Notes:

Definition:

There may be public benefits for certain pilots. For example, the NGIA is intended to help support wastewater treatment and organics recycling. This category could also include odor effects on Minnesota communities – either reductions in unpleasant odors or increased odor problems.

Market Development

Notes:

Definition:

The NGIA supports the development of new markets or expansion of markets in Minnesota. For example, utilities are required to describe whether proposed plans support the development of alternative agricultural products, as well as the geographic areas of the state where benefits are realized

Direct Innovation

Support Notes:

This category is intended to answer how the proposed pilot supports the development and increased deployment of innovative resources beyond the direct program impacts. For example, research and development projects, which are permitted under the NGIA.40 are unlikely to produce significant benefits on their own but are intended to lead to future opportunities.

Major opportunity for gas utility to learn about delivering energy in a new way

Resource

Scalability and Role

in a Decarbonized

System Notes:

Definition:

While NGIA pilots may have small impacts in the near-term, stakeholders felt it was important for the Commission to consider the potential importance of each resource in a decarbonized energy system. The NGIA requires the Commission to consider changes to natural gas utility and regulatory policy structures needed to meet or exceed Minnesota's GHG reduction goals. NGIA pilots should provide valuable information to the Commission as it considers the energy future of the state.



DESCRIPTION	Pilot Project Code:	CNP15	
	Pilot Project Name:	Decarbonizing Existing District Energy Systems	
	Customer Class/ Sector:	C&I	
	Low-Income Community Benefit?	N	
	Target Area:	Urban	
	Primary Innovative Resource Category:	District Energy	Select primary Innovation Category. Others can be listed here:
Pilot Description:			
CenterPoint Energy proposes a two-part pilot to help existing district energy systems that currently use geologic gas, to identify opportunities to reduce the lifecycle GHG impact of their systems. First, CenterPoint Energy proposes to support customers who hire expert engineering firms, or similar, to complete feasibility studies to identify decarbonization opportunities. Second, CenterPoint Energy would support customers in implementing GHG reduction projects.			
Overview of Program/ Implementation Approach:			
CenterPoint Energy would provide an incentive in support of feasibility/engineering studies looking at opportunities to reduce emissions from existing district energy customers, with the utility planning to cover 20% of the total study cost up to a cap of \$30,000. While incentive approaches/structures to encourage customers to adopt the findings of these studies are still under consideration, CenterPoint is considering leveraging a similar approach to CIP custom programs, with incentives determined based on the minimum of several cost caps (in CIP, this is 1 year payback, 50% of incremental costs, or \$5/Dth annual gas savings). CenterPoint expects the \$/Dth cap to be the limiting factor for most projects considered under NGIA, and is considering higher incentive levels than the \$5/Dth for NGIA incentives. CenterPoint also plans to be a cap on the incentive for any given project at a maximum of \$1.5 million. Projects that are eligible for rebates in CIP would not be eligible for these NGIA rebates.			
Other Comments / Information:			
Note – for now this pilot has been based on high-level assumptions surrounding a potential opportunity at a large district energy customer. This customer is already conducting an engineering study of decarbonization options, and however the final results were not ready before the NGIA plan filing.			
Sizes B and C of this pilot will be based on the same savings assumptions, but are an opportunity to set aside funding to support additional district energy customers over the 5-year period covered by the first NGIA plan.			

KEY PILOT-SPECIFIC INPUTS:

NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS	Pilot Year							
	Calendar Year	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028		
	Participating Units, Size A	0	1	0	0	0	Incremental units added, annual (not cumulative).	
	Participating Units, Size B	0	1	1	0	0		
	Participating Units, Size C	0	1	1	1	0		
	Calculations & Other Explanation:	Unit of Participation = District energy system implementing GHG reduction projects						
	Annual Total Utility Incremental Cost, Size A							
		Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:	
		\$ 39,800	\$ 1,260,094	\$ 10,397	\$ 10,709	\$ 61,030	total cost per year	These incremental utility costs are what will count against the NGIA budget cap for this measure and will be used in the Utility Cost and Non-Participant Cost tests for the NGIA evaluation criteria. This is the sum of utility admin costs to run pilot, any incentive funding to support project deployment, and/or the utility's annual revenue requirement for capital investments made on select pilots.
	Annual Total Utility Incremental Cost, Size B	\$ 39,800	\$ 1,290,094	\$ 1,260,397	\$ 10,709	\$ 61,030	total cost per year	
Annual Total Utility Incremental Cost, Size C	\$ 39,800	\$ 1,290,094	\$ 1,290,397	\$ 1,260,709	\$ 61,030	total cost per year		
Fixed O&M Cost, Size A								
	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:		
	\$ 9,800	\$ 10,094	\$ 10,397	\$ 10,709	\$ 61,030	total cost per year	Fixed O&M Cost is the result of adding up: Total Project Delivery, Advertising and Promotions, Utility Administration, Trade Ally Incentives, and Workforce Development or Market Transformation Cost	
Fixed O&M Cost, Size B	\$ 9,800	\$ 10,094	\$ 10,397	\$ 10,709	\$ 61,030	total cost per year		
Fixed O&M Cost, Size C	\$ 9,800	\$ 10,094	\$ 10,397	\$ 10,709	\$ 61,030	total cost per year		
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Total Project Delivery, Size C	\$ 9,800	\$ 10,094	\$ 10,397	\$ 10,709	\$ 61,030	per year		
Internal Project Delivery, Size A								
	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:		
	\$ 9,800	\$ 10,094	\$ 10,397	\$ 10,709	\$ 11,030	per year	CNP staff. These costs are sub-set of the Utility 'Fixed O&M Cost' category above.	
Internal Project Delivery, Size B	\$ 9,800	\$ 10,094	\$ 10,397	\$ 10,709	\$ 11,030	per year		
Internal Project Delivery, Size C	\$ 9,800	\$ 10,094	\$ 10,397	\$ 10,709	\$ 11,030	per year		
External Project Delivery, Size A								
	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:		
	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 50,000	per year	External vendor costs would include direct install costs where CNP reimburses the vendor. These costs are sub-set of the Utility 'Fixed O&M Cost' category above.	
External Project Delivery, Size B	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 50,000	per year		
External Project Delivery, Size C	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 50,000	per year		
Advertising and Promotions, Size A								
	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:		
	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year	These costs are sub-set of the Utility 'Fixed O&M Cost' category above.	
Advertising and Promotions, Size B	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year		
Advertising and Promotions, Size C	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year		
Allocation of General Portfolio Costs, Size A								
	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:		
						per year	Share of portfolio level costs, including plan development costs, regulatory costs, and general portfolio costs	
Allocation of General Portfolio Costs, Size B						per year		
Allocation of General Portfolio Costs, Size C						per year		
Trade Ally Incentives, Size A								
	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:		
	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year	If applicable, include here the annual amount of trade ally incentives (e.g. midstream program)	
Trade Ally Incentives, Size B	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year		
Trade Ally Incentives, Size C	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year		
Workforce Development or Market Transformation Cost, Size A								
	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:		
	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year	These costs are sub-set of the Utility 'Fixed O&M Cost' category above.	
Workforce Development or Market Transformation Cost, Size B	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year		
Workforce Development or Market Transformation Cost, Size C	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year		
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UTILITY PILOT COSTS

TOTAL AND DIRECT PARTICIPANT PILOT COSTS	Total utility capital investment, Size A	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:																													
	Total utility capital investment, Size B	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year	This tracks expectations for when this pilot would require capital investments from the utility, if applicable. This will not directly feed into the incremental costs for NGA, but instead will be used to estimate the timing and level of annual revenue requirement resulting from these capital investments (shown below).																												
	Total utility capital investment, Size C	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year																													
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	Total Pilot Upfront Costs, Size B	\$ 2,675,000	\$ 2,675,000	\$ 2,675,000	\$ 2,675,000	\$ 2,675,000	per participant	This represents the total equipment and installation costs for technologies implemented as part of this pilot (specifically non-utility capital projects that were captured separately above). This cost does not account for what portion of costs may be covered by utility incentives, nor include utility program admin costs.																												
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	Third Party Funding, Size B						per participant	If there are expectations for external funding sources (e.g. IRA, etc) account for those values here. This funding is noted here for reference, it's not used to calculate any of the NGA evaluation criteria.																												
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	Direct Participant Pilot Costs, Size A	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:																													
	Direct Participant Pilot Costs, Size B	\$ 2,645,000	\$ 1,425,000	\$ 2,675,000	\$ 2,675,000	\$ 2,675,000	per participant	This represents the upfront costs to participants who participate in this pilot. This is a calculated value, where utility incentives are subtracted from the total upfront project costs. Direct Participant Pilot costs will be used in the Participant Cost tests for the NGA evaluation criteria. Note some pilots taking a "Direct Install" approach may see the utility covering all costs, with no upfront financial contribution from the participant.																												
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Escalation rate	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	3.82% (for each pilot analysis year)		For an escalation rate, we use																												
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		Current District Energy System Gas Consumption:	540,000 Dth/year																																	
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ENERGY SAVINGS: AVG. Dth/ PARTICIPANT SAVED	<p>This district energy system is currently undergoing a study of decarbonization options, which will inform the actual types of projects the customer looks to pursue. The final results of this study will not be complete in time for the expected NGIA plan filing date, so we are proceeding with a placeholder project for now, based roughly on some preliminary results from that study. The idea here is to show representative costs and emission reductions, to potentially allocate NGIA funding to this type of project. May not be an energy efficiency or electrification project in the end.</p> <p>New Electric Chiller Capacity: 5,500 tons Cost for New Chillers: \$450 \$/ton Chiller Electricity Consumption: 0.61 kWh/ton-hr Estimated Cooling Load: 4,000,000 ton-hours</p>																																																																																											
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NON-GAS FUEL LOSS FACTOR	<p>Non-Gas Fuel Loss Factor: 8.22%</p> <p>The CIP methodology is used for all resources other than strategic electrification. The method for strategic electrification should be considered in the context of specific utility pilot proposals. In the most recent CIP, Staff used the weighted average of the most recent loss factors reported by Minnesota Power, Xcel Energy, and Otter Tail Power's reported 2021 transmission and distribution loss factors and weighting by the utilities' 2017-2019 average retail sales</p> <p>Calculations & Other Explanation:</p>																																																																																											

OTHER QUANTITATIVE CRITERIA:

OTHER NON-GHG POLLUTANTS	USD Cost Unit:		
	Other Non-GHG Pollutants, Size A	\$ 0.37	per Dth
	Other Non-GHG Pollutants, Size B	\$ 0.37	per Dth
	Other Non-GHG Pollutants, Size C	\$ 0.37	per Dth

Generally no change from CIP methodology. The factor is calculated using the final environmental cost values approved by Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (Commission). The factors are reported in 2021 dollars in Table 2 below, which were calculated by inflating the Commission's approved dollar per ton environmental cost values using escalation rate to adjust by observed inflation between 2014 and 2021. Stakeholders expressed a preference for allowing utilities to select different externality values for pilots targeting specific geographies or populations. For example, an energy efficiency project that targets an urban area might use the urban value rather than the metropolitan fringe value. Similarly, a project targeting a low-income population might use a high value rather than the median. Utilities can make deviations such as these in their NGIA plans if they can provide justification for the change. Instead of requiring the use of median metropolitan fringe values for all non-GHG pollutants, as shown in Table 1 of the Commission's January 3, 2018 Order in Docket No. E0999/C1-14-643, utilities may use the value most applicable for the pilot or measure.

Calculations & Other Explanation:

NET JOB CREATION	Year 1								Year 2								Year 3								Year 4								Year 5								Total during 5 program years		Remainder of project life	
	Net Direct Job Creation, Size A	0		11		2		2		2		2		2		2		2		2		2		2		16		28		Utilities should consider both jobs created by proposed pilots and jobs that may be eliminated by proposed pilots.														
	Net Direct Job Creation, Size B	0		6		7		3		4		4		4		4		4		4		4		4		84		58																
	Net Direct Job Creation, Size C	0		11		10		11		5		5		5		5		5		5		5		5		37		89																
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Net Induced Job Creation, Size B	0		4		4		1		2		2		2		2		2		2		2		2		53		36																	
Net Induced Job Creation, Size A	0		7		6		7		3		3		3		3		3		3		3		3		23		55																	

Calculations & Other Explanation:
 Job numbers are estimated as Full Time Equivalents (FTE) and are rounded off.

PUBLIC CO-BENEFITS	Year 1		Year 2		Year 3		Year 4		Year 5		USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:	
	Public Co-Benefits, Size A	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year
	Public Co-Benefits, Size B	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year
	Public Co-Benefits, Size C	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year

Quantifiable in some cases. If this metric isn't quantifiable, there is space for any qualitative comments in the Additional Qualitative Considerations section below.

Calculations & Other Explanation:

WATER POLLUTION	Year 1		Year 2		Year 3		Year 4		Year 5		USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:	
	Water Pollution, Size A	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year
	Water Pollution, Size B	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year
	Water Pollution, Size C	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year

The legislation left the door open to quantify any costs and benefits on water pollution. This might be quantifiable for some of the projects. If this metric isn't quantifiable, there is space for any qualitative comments in the Additional Qualitative Considerations section below.

Calculations & Other Explanation:

ADDITIONAL QUALITATIVE CONSIDERATIONS:

NGIA Utility Perspective Notes:
 Definition: It is expected that most of the utility perspective costs and benefits will be quantifiable with and should be heavily informed by the structural values and CIP quantification methods.

NGIA Participants' Perspective Notes:
 Definition: It is expected that many of the elements of the participant perspective, with respect to the direct effect of pilots, will be quantifiable and will rely on the structural values. Add here any information related to some direct effects of pilots on participants that may not be easily quantifiable. For example, increased comfort in a home and health benefits from pilots that improve indoor air quality are two examples of benefits that may be difficult to quantify.

NGIA Nonparticipating Customers' Perspective Notes:
 Definition: As with the utility perspective, the direct effects of pilot programs on non-participating customers should be quantified in most cases and can be heavily informed by structural values.

Effects on Other Energy Systems and Energy Security:

Definition:

NGIA invites the Commission to consider how innovative resources fit into the energy system with a broader perspective than effects on the gas utility and its customers. Measures like strategic electrification specifically require gas utilities and the Commission to avoid negative effects on the electric system. Further, the NGIA empowers the Commission to consider a wide variety of costs and benefits that may be expected under a plan, one of which is a reduction of reliance on imported resources and national fuel markets.

May promote strategic electrification; may reduce overall energy use

GHG Emissions

Notes:

Definition:

An innovation plan must include the total lifecycle GHG emissions that the utility projects will be reduced or avoided through implementing the plan. This benefit should be generally quantifiable using the Commission-approved GHG accounting framework and GHG externality values. Note that this row also calls for discussion of any environmental justice effects of the pilot related to GHG emissions, these may not be quantifiable.

Other Pollution

Notes:

Definition:

Include any additional non-GHG environmental costs and benefits. For example, effects on water pollution that may not be quantifiable, or specific air quality benefits to a low income community. Note that this also calls for discussion of any environmental justice effects of the pilot related to non-GHG pollution.

Waste Reduction and Reuse Notes:

Definition:

Waste reduction, reuse, and anaerobic digestion are goals of the NGIA. Includes reduction of water use.

Policy Notes:

Definition:

NGIA is intended to help the state achieve certain environmental policy goals including geologic gas throughput reduction and increased use of renewable resources.

Reduces fossil gas throughput; may increase use of renewable energy

Net Job Creation

Notes:

Definition:

An innovation plan must include, as applicable, "projected local job impacts resulting from implementation of the plan." Utilities should consider both jobs created by proposed pilots and jobs that may be eliminated by proposed pilots.

Economic Development

Notes:

Definition:

The Commission must make a finding that the innovation plan "promotes local economic development." Creation of jobs is a form of economic development, but economic development is broader. For example, pilots that pay workers a living wage or support apprenticeships or training opportunities would provide additional economic benefits.

Projects may follow IRA labor requirements to take advantage of higher tax credits

Public Co-Benefits

Notes:

Definition:

There may be public benefits for certain pilots. For example, the NGIA is intended to help support wastewater treatment and organics recycling. This category could also include odor effects on Minnesota communities – either reductions in unpleasant odors or increased odor problems.

Market Development

Notes:

Definition:

The NGIA supports the development of new markets or expansion of markets in Minnesota. For example, utilities are required to describe whether proposed plans support the development of alternative agricultural products, as well as the geographic areas of the state where benefits are realized

Direct Innovation Support Notes:

Definition:

This category is intended to answer how the proposed pilot supports the development and increased deployment of innovative resources beyond the direct program impacts. For example, research and development projects, which are permitted under the NGIA,40 are unlikely to produce significant benefits on their own but are intended to lead to future opportunities.

Resource
Scalability and Role
in a Decarbonized
System Notes:
Definition:

While NGIA pilots may have small impacts in the near-term, stakeholders felt it was important for the Commission to consider the potential importance of each resource in a decarbonized energy system. The NGIA requires the Commission to consider changes to natural gas utility and regulatory policy structures needed to meet or exceed Minnesota's GHG reduction goals. NGIA pilots should provide valuable information to the Commission as it considers the energy future of the state.





DESCRIPTION	Pilot Project Code:	CNP16	
	Pilot Project Name:	New District Energy System	
	Customer Class/ Sector:	C&I & Res	
	Low-Income Community Benefit?	Y	
	Target Area:	Territory-wide	
	Primary Innovative Resource Category:	District Energy	
	Select primary Innovation Category. Others can be listed here:		Electrification, Energy Efficiency
	Pilot Description:		
	CenterPoint Energy proposes a two-part pilot to help current natural gas customers considering developing district energy systems. First, CenterPoint Energy proposes to support customers who hire expert engineering firms, or similar, to complete feasibility studies for new district energy systems. Second, CenterPoint Energy would support customers in developing new district energy systems		
	Overview of Program/Implementation Approach:		
CenterPoint energy would provide an incentive in support of feasibility/engineering studies looking at opportunities to reduce emissions from existing district energy customers, with the utility planning to cover 20% of the total study cost up to a cap of \$30,000. While incentive approaches/structures to encourage customers to adopt the findings of these studies are still under consideration, CenterPoint is considering leveraging a similar approach to CIP custom programs, with incentives determined based on the minimum of three cost caps (1 year payback, 50% of incremental costs, or \$5/Dth annual gas savings). Generally speaking CenterPoint expectations the \$/Dth cap to be the limiting factor for most projects considered under NGIA, and is considering higher incentive levels than the \$5/Dth for NGIA incentives. Projects that are eligible for rebates in CIP would not be eligible for these NGIA rebates.			
Other Comments / Information:			
Program budget would be sized to support 1-3 new systems.			

KEY PILOT-SPECIFIC INPUTS:

NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS	Pilot Year	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5		
	Calendar Year	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028		
	Participating Units, Size A	0	1	0	0	0	Incremental units added, annual (not cumulative).	
	Participating Units, Size B	0	1	1	0	0		
	Participating Units, Size C	0	1	1	1	0		
	Unit of Participation = District Energy system constructed							
	Size A would represent the RFI respondent's project, while sizes B and C assume additional projects of this nature.							
	Calculations & Other Explanation:							

KEY PILOT-SPECIFIC INPUTS	Annual Total Utility Incremental Cost, Size A	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:	
		\$ 9,800	\$ 271,729	\$ 10,397	\$ 10,709	\$ 61,030	total cost per year	These incremental utility costs are what will count against the NGIA budget cap for this measure and will be used in the Utility Cost, and Non-Participant Cost tests for the NGIA evaluation criteria. This is the sum of utility admin costs to run pilot, any incentive funding to support project deployment, and/or the utility's annual revenue requirement for capital investments made on select pilots.
	Annual Total Utility Incremental Cost, Size B	\$ 9,800	\$ 271,729	\$ 282,032	\$ 10,709	\$ 61,030	total cost per year	
	Annual Total Utility Incremental Cost, Size C	\$ 9,800	\$ 271,729	\$ 282,032	\$ 282,344	\$ 61,030	total cost per year	
	Fixed O&M Cost, Size A	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:	
		\$ 9,800	\$ 10,094	\$ 10,397	\$ 10,709	\$ 61,030	total cost per year	Fixed O&M Cost is the result of adding up Total Project Delivery, Advertising and Promotions, Utility Administration, Trade Ally Incentives, and Workforce Development of Market Transformation Cost
	Fixed O&M Cost, Size B	\$ 9,800	\$ 10,094	\$ 10,397	\$ 10,709	\$ 61,030	total cost per year	
	Fixed O&M Cost, Size C	\$ 9,800	\$ 10,094	\$ 10,397	\$ 10,709	\$ 61,030	total cost per year	
	Total Project Delivery, Size A	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:	
		\$ 9,800	\$ 10,094	\$ 10,397	\$ 10,709	\$ 61,030	per year	Total internal and external project delivery
	Total Project Delivery, Size B	\$ 9,800	\$ 10,094	\$ 10,397	\$ 10,709	\$ 61,030	per year	
	Total Project Delivery, Size C	\$ 9,800	\$ 10,094	\$ 10,397	\$ 10,709	\$ 61,030	per year	
	Internal Project Delivery, Size A	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:	
		\$ 9,800	\$ 10,094	\$ 10,397	\$ 10,709	\$ 11,030	per year	CNP staff. These costs are sub-set of the Utility "Fixed O&M Cost" category above.
	Internal Project Delivery, Size B	\$ 9,800	\$ 10,094	\$ 10,397	\$ 10,709	\$ 11,030	per year	
	Internal Project Delivery, Size C	\$ 9,800	\$ 10,094	\$ 10,397	\$ 10,709	\$ 11,030	per year	
	External Project Delivery, Size A	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:	
		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 50,000	per year	External vendor costs would include direct install costs where CNP reimburses the vendor. These costs are sub-set of the Utility "Fixed O&M Cost" category above.
	External Project Delivery, Size B	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 50,000	per year	
	External Project Delivery, Size C	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 50,000	per year	
	Advertising and Promotions, Size A	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:	
		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year	These costs are sub-set of the Utility "Fixed O&M Cost" category above.
	Advertising and Promotions, Size B	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year	
	Advertising and Promotions, Size C	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year	
	Allocation of General Portfolio Costs, Size A	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:	
						per year	Share of portfolio level costs, including plan development costs, regulatory costs, and general portfolio costs	
Allocation of General Portfolio Costs, Size B						per year		
Allocation of General Portfolio Costs, Size C						per year		
Trade Ally Incentives, Size A	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:		
	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year	If applicable, include here the annual amount of trade ally incentives (e.g. midstream program)	
Trade Ally Incentives, Size B	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year		
Trade Ally Incentives, Size C	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year		
Workforce Development or Market Transformation Cost, Size A	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:		
	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year	These costs are sub-set of the Utility "Fixed O&M Cost" category above.	

UTILITY PILOT COSTS

Workforce Development or Market Transformation Cost, Size B
 Workforce Development or Market Transformation Cost, Size C

\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	per year
\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	per year

Other Fixed O&M Cost, Size A
 Other Fixed O&M Cost, Size B
 Other Fixed O&M Cost, Size C

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:
\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	per year
\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	per year
\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	per year

These costs are sub-set of the Utility 'Fixed O&M Cost' category above.

Total utility capital investment, Size A
 Total utility capital investment, Size B
 Total utility capital investment, Size C

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:
\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	per year
\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	per year
\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	per year

This tracks expectations for when this pilot would require capital investments from the utility, if applicable. This will not directly feed into the incremental costs for NGIA, but instead will be used to estimate the timing and level of annual revenue requirement resulting from these capital investments (shown below).

Est. Annual Revenue Requirement for Capital Projects, Size A
 Est. Annual Revenue Requirement for Capital Projects, Size B
 Est. Annual Revenue Requirement for Capital Projects, Size C

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:
\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	per year
\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	per year
\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	per year

For capital projects, the incremental cost impact on the NGIA budget is the annual revenue requirement (return of and on capital additions), as well as the utility 'Fixed O&M Costs' captured above. This revenue requirement is calculated from the magnitude & timing of capital investment captured above, based on expected measure life (and depreciation time period), as well as the utility's return on investment.

Est. Total Revenue Requirement for Capital Projects, Size A
 Est. Total Revenue Requirement for Capital Projects, Size B
 Est. Total Revenue Requirement for Capital Projects, Size C

Total	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:
\$	- per year
\$	- per year
\$	- per year

The total revenue requirement is calculated from the magnitude & timing of total capital investment captured above, based on expected measure life (and depreciation time period), as well as the utility's return on investment. This cost is noted here for reference, it's not used to calculate any of the NGIA evaluation criteria.

Incentives, Size A
 Incentives, Size B
 Incentives, Size C

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:
\$	-	\$	261,635	\$	-	per year
\$	-	\$	261,635	\$	271,635	per year
\$	-	\$	261,635	\$	271,635	per year

This tracks total incentives paid directly to customers (customer rebates like money, gift cards or other fungible payments, etc). Do not include here cost of customer benefits delivered directly to the customer by a program vendor (paying for the cost of energy/GHG audits or direct install measures), or making a capital investment in a customer's project where the customer doesn't hold equipment ownership. Incentives will be used in the Participant Cost tests for the NGIA evaluation criteria.

Incentives per Participant, Size A
 Incentives per Participant, Size B
 Incentives per Participant, Size C

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:
#DIV/0!	\$	261,635	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	per participant per year
#DIV/0!	\$	261,635	\$	271,635	\$	per participant per year
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Incentives per participant is a function of total incentives paid directly to customers.

Calculations & Other Explanation:

In line with approaches used in CIP custom programs, plan to assess incentives based on the minimum of several caps. Limited to project reaching a 1 year payback, limited to covering 50% of incremental costs, limited to an incentive of \$X/Dth annual gas savings, and with a maximum incentive capped at \$15 million. For this project, based on the economics, expect the \$/Dth to be the limiting factor for incentives. This capped incentive level is planned to be higher than in CIP, given the need for additional support on emerging technology options not cost-effective through CIP.

Incentive Cap: \$	25	\$/Dth annual gas savings	Note CIP custom incentive is based on \$5/Dth annual savings
Support for Engineering Study:	\$10,000	This funding not included for the first participant (where an engineering study has already been completed), but for sizes with additional projects of this nature CenterPoint could cover a portion of costs for an engineering study, similar to the approach	
Total Project Cost:	12,375,000		
Baseline Upgrade Option: \$	2,110,000		
Total Incremental Project Cost:	10,265,000		
M&V - Total Cost for Whole Pilot:	\$50,000	flat rate assumed, regardless of pilot size	

TOTAL AND DIRECT PARTICIPANT PILOT COSTS

Total Pilot Upfront Costs, Size A
 Total Pilot Upfront Costs, Size B
 Total Pilot Upfront Costs, Size C

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:
\$	10,265,000	\$	10,265,000	\$	10,265,000	per participant
\$	10,265,000	\$	10,265,000	\$	10,265,000	per participant
\$	10,265,000	\$	10,265,000	\$	10,265,000	per participant

This represents the total equipment and installation costs for technologies implemented as part of this pilot (specifically non-utility capital projects that were captured separately above). This cost does not account for what portion of costs may be covered by utility incentives, nor include utility program admin costs.

Third Party Funding, Size A

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:
\$	-	\$	1,665,600	\$	-	per participant
\$	-	\$	1,665,600	\$	1,665,600	per participant
\$	-	\$	1,665,600	\$	1,665,600	per participant

If there are expectations for external funding sources (e.g. IRA, etc) account for those values here. This funding is noted here for reference, it's not used to calculate any of the NGIA evaluation criteria. In this case we are assuming project would qualify for 30% investment tax credit pursuant to 26 USC 48E as an energy storage facility (which includes thermal energy storage property as defined in 26 USC 48); assume labor requirements will be satisfied so as to qualify for 30% as opposed to 6%; do not assume that project is installed in an energy community, which would increase credit amount to 40%

Third Party Funding, Size B

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:
\$	-	\$	1,665,600	\$	-	per participant
\$	-	\$	1,665,600	\$	1,665,600	per participant
\$	-	\$	1,665,600	\$	1,665,600	per participant

Third Party Funding, Size C
 Description of source of external funding:

IRA estimate shown above, RFI respondent also pursuing other funding sources.

Direct Participant Pilot Costs, Size A
 Direct Participant Pilot Costs, Size B
 Direct Participant Pilot Costs, Size C

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:
\$	10,265,000	\$	8,337,765	\$	10,265,000	per participant
\$	10,265,000	\$	8,337,765	\$	10,265,000	per participant
\$	10,265,000	\$	8,337,765	\$	8,327,765	per participant

This represents the upfront costs to participants who participate in this pilot. This is a calculated value, where utility incentives are subtracted from the total upfront project costs. Direct Participant Pilot costs will be used in the Participant Cost tests for the NGIA evaluation criteria. Note: some pilots taking a 'Direct Install' approach may see the utility covering all costs, with no upfront financial contribution from the participant.

Calculations & Other Explanation:

Escalation rate	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5
	3.82%	3.82%	3.82%	3.82%	3.82%

(for each pilot analysis year)

For an escalation rate, we use the average of the 12-month percentage change in the "all items" consumer price index available from the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics, as reported in December for each of the last five years. Using the most recently available data.

Refund from IRA: 30% IRA Discount on Capital Costs; assuming project would qualify for 30% investment tax credit pursuant to 26 USC 48E as an energy storage facility (which includes thermal energy storage property as defined in 26 USC 48); assume labor requirements will be satisfied so as to
Portion of Costs IRA incentive applicable: \$ 5,552,000 (not all of the costs involved in this project would be eligible for IRA incentives)

PARTICIPANT NON-ENERGY COSTS

Participant Non-Energy Costs, Size A
 Participant Non-Energy Costs, Size B
 Participant Non-Energy Costs, Size C

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:
\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	per participant per year of pilot life
\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	per participant per year of pilot life
\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	per participant per year of pilot life

This includes any increased in costs like equipment operating costs or increased water costs. Participant Non-Energy Costs will be used in the Participant Cost tests for the NGIA evaluation criteria.

Calculations & Other Explanation:

Escalation rate	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5
	3.82%	3.82%	3.82%	3.82%	3.82%

(for each pilot analysis year)

For an escalation rate, we use the average of the 12-month percentage change in the "all items" consumer price index available from the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics, as reported in December for each of the last five years. Using the most recently available data.

Participant Non-Energy Savings, Size A

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:
\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	per participant per year of pilot life

This includes any operating savings like water savings.

PARTICIPANT NON-ENERGY SAVINGS	Participant Non-Energy Savings, Size B	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per participant per year of pilot life																		
	Participant Non-Energy Savings, Size C	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per participant per year of pilot life																		
<u>Calculations & Other Explanation:</u>																									
PILOT LIFE	Average Lifetime for Savings/Pilot Tech, Size A	30	years																						
	Average Lifetime for Savings/Pilot Tech, Size B	30	years																						
	Average Lifetime for Savings/Pilot Tech, Size C	30	years																						
<u>Calculations & Other Explanation:</u>																									
NATURAL GAS ENERGY SAVINGS: AVG. Dth/ PARTICIPANT SAVED	Avg. Dth/Participant Saved, Size A	10,465	Dth/Participant	Expected savings provided by RFI respondent																					
	Avg. Dth/Participant Saved, Size B	10,465	Dth/Participant																						
	Avg. Dth/Participant Saved, Size C	10,465	Dth/Participant																						
<u>Calculations & Other Explanation:</u>																									
AVG. NON-GAS FUEL UNITS/ PART.	Avg. Non-Gas Fuel Units/Part. Saved, Size A		kWh/Participant	Units are kWh; could technically be other non-NG. Avg. Non-Gas Fuel Units/Part. Saved will be used in the Participant Cost tests for the NGIA evaluation criteria.																					
	Avg. Non-Gas Fuel Units/Part. Saved, Size B		kWh/Participant																						
	Avg. Non-Gas Fuel Units/Part. Saved, Size C		kWh/Participant																						
	Avg. Additional Non-Gas Fuel Units/Part.Used, Size A	116,117	kWh/Participant	This is the net increase in electricity consumption (summer cooling electricity requirements will decrease, but there is a larger increase in electricity consumption for new space heating loads), provided by the RFI respondent.																					
	Avg. Additional Non-Gas Fuel Units/Part.Used, Size B	116,117	kWh/Participant																						
	Avg. Additional Non-Gas Fuel Units/Part.Used, Size C	116,117	kWh/Participant																						
<u>Calculations & Other Explanation:</u>																									
TOTAL ANNUAL Dth SAVED		Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5																			
	Total Annual Dth Saved, Size A	-	10,465	-	-	-	Dth																		
	Total Annual Dth Saved, Size B	-	10,465	10,465	-	-	Dth																		
	Total Annual Dth Saved, Size C	-	10,465	10,465	10,465	-	Dth																		
<u>Calculations & Other Explanation:</u>																									
GRID MIX SCENARIO	Grid Mix Scenario	Xcel	Select one of the listed grid mix scenarios taking into account that:																						
	*Utilities shall use electric-utility-specific generation mix information for the renewable natural gas facility when it is reasonably available. When electric utility-specific information is not available, the filing gas utility will use a state-specific generation mix taken from National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL) Standard Scenarios. If the renewable natural gas facility is using a higher proportion of carbon free electricity than is available by default from their electric utility—either from on-site generation, by subscribing to a Commission-announced electric utility green tariff with renewable energy credits retired on the facility's behalf or for annual on a case-by-case basis using other carbon-free generation sources—the filing gas utility may input facility-specific electric generation information into GREET																								
<u>Calculations & Other Explanation:</u>																									
LIFECYCLE GHG INTENSITY BY PROJECT SIZE	This section does not apply to all pilot types. The GHG changes from decreased natural gas and/or electricity consumption will be calculated based on values above. However, for pilots where NGIA requires lifecycle GHG savings (e.g. RNG, hydrogen, carbon capture) this section accounts for the lifecycle change in GHG emissions (per unit of participation).																								
	Lifecycle GHG Intensity, Size A	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5																			
	Low						kg CO2e/participant	Utilities shall file a high, low, and expected greenhouse gas intensity for innovative resources included in a proposed Natural Gas Innovation Act innovation (NGIA) plan, where applicable. High and low scenarios shall incorporate at least low and high assumptions for electricity use and other fuels used in the resource's lifecycle. Expected greenhouse gas intensity values will be used in cost-benefit calculations and when determining the expected greenhouse gas reduction of pilot programs and NGIA plans.																	
	Expected	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	kg CO2e/participant																		
	High						kg CO2e/participant																		
	Lifecycle GHG Intensity, Size B	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5																			
	Low						kg CO2e/participant																		
	Expected	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	kg CO2e/participant																		
	High						kg CO2e/participant																		
	Lifecycle GHG Intensity, Size C	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5																			
	Low						kg CO2e/participant																		
	Expected	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	kg CO2e/participant																		
	High						kg CO2e/participant																		
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kg CO2e/Dth																									
Low Scenario																									
Expected Scenario																									
High Scenario																									
Default Geologic Gas Emissions Factor	kg CO2e/Dth	66.14																							

OTHER PILOT-SPECIFIC PARAMETERS (formerly 'General Parameters' in CIP Calculator):

PEAK REDUCTION FACTOR	<p>Peak Reduction Factor <input type="text" value="1%"/> The estimated average annual effect of the project on system peak. It is estimated to be 1% for energy efficiency pilots. The method for other innovative resources should be considered in the context of specific utility proposals. Peak Reduction Factor will be used in the Utility Cost and Non Participant Cost tests for the NGIA evaluation criteria.</p> <p><u>Calculations & Other Explanation:</u></p>												
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Calculations & Other Explanation:

ADDITIONAL QUALITATIVE CONSIDERATIONS:

NGIA Utility

Perspective Notes:

It is expected that most of the utility perspective costs and benefits will be quantifiable with and should be heavily informed by the structural values and CIP quantification methods.

Definition:

NGIA Participants'

Perspective Notes:

It is expected that many of the elements of the participant perspective, with respect to the direct effect of pilots, will be quantifiable and will rely on the structural values. Add here any information related to some direct effects of pilots on participants that may not be easily quantifiable. For example, increased comfort in a home and health benefits from pilots that improve indoor air quality are two examples of benefits that may be difficult to quantify.

Definition:

NGIA

Nonparticipating

Customers'

Perspective Notes:

As with the utility perspective, the direct effects of pilot programs on non-participating customers should be quantified in most cases and can be heavily informed by structural values.

Definition:

Effects on Other

Energy Systems

and Energy

Security:

Definition:

NGIA invites the Commission to consider how innovative resources fit into the energy system with a broader perspective than effects on the gas utility and its customers. Measures like strategic electrification specifically require gas utilities and the Commission to avoid negative effects on the electric system. Further, the NGIA empowers the Commission to consider a wide variety of "costs and benefits that may be expected under a plan," one of which is a reduction of reliance on imported resources and national fuel markets.
 System will also support cooling reducing demand on electric system

GHG Emissions

Notes:

An innovation plan must include the total lifecycle GHG emissions that the utility projects will be reduced or avoided through implementing the plan. This benefit should be generally quantifiable using the Commission-approved GHG accounting framework and GHG externality values. Note that this row also calls for discussion of any environmental justice effects of the pilot related to GHG emissions, these may not be quantifiable.

Other Pollution

Notes:

Include any additional non-GHG environmental costs and benefits. For example, effects on water pollution that may not be quantifiable, or specific air quality benefits to a low income community. Note that this also calls for discussion of any environmental justice effects of the pilot related to non-GHG pollution.

Waste Reduction

and Reuse Notes:

Waste reduction, reuse, and anaerobic digestion are goals of the NGIA. Includes reduction of water use.

Definition:

Policy Notes:

NGIA is intended to help the state achieve certain environmental policy goals including geologic gas throughput reduction and increased use of renewable resources.

Definition:

Reduces fossil gas throughput; increases use of renewable energy

Net Job Creation

Notes:

An innovation plan must include, as applicable, "projected local job impacts resulting from implementation of the plan." Utilities should consider both jobs created by proposed pilots and jobs that may be eliminated by proposed pilots.

Definition:

Economic

Development

Notes:

The Commission must make a finding that the innovation plan "promotes local economic development." Creation of jobs is a form of economic development, but economic development is broader. For example, pilots that pay workers a living wage or support apprenticeships or training opportunities would provide additional economic benefits.

Projects may follow IRA labor requirements to take advantage of higher tax credits

Definition:

Public Co-Benefits

Notes:

There may be public benefits for certain pilots. For example, the NGIA is intended to help support wastewater treatment and organics recycling. This category could also include odor effects on Minnesota communities – either reductions in unpleasant odors or increased odor problems.

Definition:

Market

Development

Notes:

The NGIA supports the development of new markets or expansion of markets in Minnesota. For example, utilities are required to describe whether proposed plans support the development of alternative agricultural products, as well as the geographic areas of the state where benefits are realized

Definition:

Direct Innovation

Support Notes:

This category is intended to answer how the proposed pilot supports the development and increased deployment of innovative resources beyond the direct program impacts. For example, research and development projects, which are permitted under the NGIA,40 are unlikely to produce significant benefits on their own but are intended to lead to future opportunities.

Definition:

Resource

Scalability and Role

in a Decarbonized

System Notes:

Definition:

While NGIA pilots may have small impacts in the near-term, stakeholders felt it was important for the Commission to consider the potential importance of each resource in a decarbonized energy system. The NGIA requires the Commission to consider changes to natural gas utility and regulatory policy structures needed to meet or exceed Minnesota's GHG reduction goals. NGIA pilots should provide valuable information to the Commission as it considers the energy future of the state.



DESCRIPTION	Pilot Project Code:	CNP17	
	Pilot Project Name:	Industrial Electrification Incentive Program	
	Customer Class/Sector:	C&I	
	Low-Income Community Benefit?	N	
	Target Area:	Territory-wide	
	Primary Innovative Resource Category:	Strategic Electrification	Select primary Innovation Category. Others can be listed here: <input type="text"/>
Pilot Description:			
CenterPoint Energy proposes to provide support for industrial customers to electrify low-to-medium heat processes using heat pump technologies.			
Overview of Program/Implementation Approach:			
Phase 1: The program would begin with a study looking at technical potential, heat pump technologies to be used, and identification of potential customers who could pilot heat pump technologies. Phase 2: Installation at 3 - 9 facilities, including system design, installation and commissioning Phase 3: Measurement and verification of system performance, and analysis of results. Phase 1 would take up to 1 year. Phases 2 and 3 may take up to 2 years.			
Other Comments / Information:			

KEY PILOT-SPECIFIC INPUTS:

NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS	Pilot Year	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	
	Calendar Year	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	
	Participating Units, Size A	0	3	0	0	0	Incremental units added, annual (not cumulative).
	Participating Units, Size B	0	3	3	0	0	
	Participating Units, Size C	0	3	6	0	0	
	Calculations & Other Explanation:	Unit of Participation = Facility					

ANNUAL COSTS	Annual Total Utility Incremental Cost, Size A	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:	
		\$ 149,000	\$ 502,970	\$ 10,397	\$ 10,709	\$ 11,030	total cost per year	These incremental utility costs are what will count against the NGIA budget cap for this measure and will be used in the Utility Cost, and Non
	Annual Total Utility Incremental Cost, Size B	\$ 149,000	\$ 502,970	\$ 454,484	\$ 10,709	\$ 11,030	total cost per year	Participant Cost tests for the NGIA evaluation criteria. This is the sum of utility admin costs to run pilot, any incentive funding to support project
	Annual Total Utility Incremental Cost, Size C	\$ 149,000	\$ 502,970	\$ 854,484	\$ 10,709	\$ 11,030	total cost per year	deployment, and/or the utility's annual revenue requirement for capital investments made on select pilots.
	Fixed O&M Cost, Size A	\$ 149,000	\$ 502,970	\$ 10,397	\$ 10,709	\$ 11,030	total cost per year	Fixed O&M Cost is the result of adding up Total Project Delivery, Advertising and Promotions, Utility Administration, Trade Ally Incentives, and
	Fixed O&M Cost, Size B	\$ 149,000	\$ 502,970	\$ 454,484	\$ 10,709	\$ 11,030	total cost per year	Workforce Development of Market Transformation Cost
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	Internal Project Delivery, Size A	\$ 49,000	\$ 50,470	\$ 10,397	\$ 10,709	\$ 11,030	per year	CNP staff. These costs are sub-set of the Utility "Fixed O&M Cost" category above.
	Internal Project Delivery, Size B	\$ 49,000	\$ 50,470	\$ 51,984	\$ 10,709	\$ 11,030	per year	
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External Project Delivery, Size C	\$ 100,000	\$ 450,000	\$ 800,000	\$ -	\$ -	per year		
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UTILITY PILOT COSTS

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Total utility capital investment, Size C	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	per year

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Incentives per Participant, Size C	#DIV/0!	\$	-	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	per participant per year

Calculations & Other Explanation:

Pilot Costs (for 6 heat pump pilot)	
Equipment survey and estimation of Pilot testing phase: industrial heat pump installation costs for demonstrations:	\$100,000 Fixed for all pilot sizes
Measurement and validation:	\$800,000 Variable, increase/decrease this based on pilot size
	\$50,000 Fixed for all pilot sizes

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:	
Total Pilot Upfront Costs, Size A	\$	133,333	\$	133,333	\$	133,333	per participant
Total Pilot Upfront Costs, Size B	\$	133,333	\$	133,333	\$	133,333	per participant
Total Pilot Upfront Costs, Size C	\$	133,333	\$	133,333	\$	133,333	per participant

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Third Party Funding, Size A	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	per participant
Third Party Funding, Size B	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	per participant
Third Party Funding, Size C	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	per participant

Description of source of external funding: IRA, etc

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:	
Direct Participant Pilot Costs, Size A	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	per participant
Direct Participant Pilot Costs, Size B	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	per participant
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Calculations & Other Explanation:

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5
Escalation rate	3.82%	3.82%	3.82%	3.82%	3.82%

Share of portfolio level costs, including plan development costs, regulatory costs, and general portfolio costs

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This tracks expectations for when this pilot would require capital investments from the utility, if applicable. This will not directly feed into the incremental costs for NGA, but instead will be used to estimate the timing and level of annual revenue requirement resulting from these capital investments (shown below).

For capital projects, the incremental cost impact on the NGA budget is the annual revenue requirement (return of and on capital additions) as well as the utility "Fixed O&M Costs" captured above. This revenue requirement is calculated from the magnitude & timing of capital investment captured above, based on expected measure life (and depreciation time period), as well as the utility's return on investment.

The total revenue requirement is calculated from the magnitude & timing of total capital investment captured above, based on expected measure life (and depreciation time period), as well as the utility's return on investment. This cost is noted here for reference, it's not used to calculate any of the NGA evaluation criteria.

This tracks total incentives paid directly to customers (customer rebates like money, gift cards or other fungible payments, etc). Do not include here cost of customer benefits delivered directly to the customer by a program vendor (paying for the cost of energy/DHG audits or direct install measures), or making a capital investment in a customer's project where the customer doesn't hold equipment ownership. Incentives will be used in the Participant Cost tests for the NGA evaluation criteria.

Incentives per participant is a function of total incentives paid directly to customers.

This represents the total equipment and installation costs for technologies implemented as part of this pilot (specifically non-utility capital projects that were captured separately above). This cost does not account for what portion of costs may be covered by utility incentives, nor include utility program admin costs.

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This represents the upfront costs to participants who participate in this pilot. This is a calculated value, where utility incentives are subtracted from the total upfront project costs. Direct Participant Pilot costs will be used in the Participant Cost tests for the NGA evaluation criteria. Note 1 some pilots taking a Direct Install approach may see the utility covering all costs, with no upfront financial contribution from the participant.

For an escalation rate, we use the average of the 12-month percentage change in the "all items" consumer price index available from the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics, as reported in December for each of the last five years. Using the most recently available data.

TOTAL AND DIRECT PARTICIPANT PILOT COSTS

PARTICIPANT NON-ENERGY COSTS	Participant Non-Energy Costs, Size A	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:	
	Participant Non-Energy Costs, Size B	-	-	-	-	-	-	per participant per year of pilot life
	Participant Non-Energy Costs, Size C	-	-	-	-	-	-	per participant per year of pilot life
	Calculations & Other Explanation:							
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PARTICIPANT NON-ENERGY SAVINGS	Participant Non-Energy Savings, Size A	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:	
	Participant Non-Energy Savings, Size B	-	-	-	-	-	-	per participant per year of pilot life
	Participant Non-Energy Savings, Size C	-	-	-	-	-	-	per participant per year of pilot life
	Calculations & Other Explanation:							

PILOT LIFE	Average Lifetime for Savings/Pilot Tech, Size A	20	years
	Average Lifetime for Savings/Pilot Tech, Size B	20	years
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	Calculations & Other Explanation:		

NATURAL GAS ENERGY SAVINGS: AVG. Dth/ PARTICIPANT SAVED	Avg. Dth/Participant Saved, Size A	3335	Dth/Participant
	Avg. Dth/Participant Saved, Size B	3335	Dth/Participant
	Avg. Dth/Participant Saved, Size C	3335	Dth/Participant
	Calculations & Other Explanation:	In the above estimates we match match the level of expected gas savings to the level of expected electricity consumption from the heat pump. We assume an average COP of 3.5 for the heat pump, and that heat from an 80% efficient gas boiler is being displaced. Ultimately, there is a lot of uncertainty in the savings that will be achieved, given how site and application specific these will be.	

NATURAL GAS ENERGY SAVINGS: AVG. Dth/ PARTICIPANT SAVED	Avg. Non-Gas Fuel Units/Part. Saved, Size A	0.00	kWh/Participant	Units are kWh; could technically be other non-NG. Avg. Non-Gas Fuel Units/Part. Saved will be used in the Participant Cost tests for the NGIA evaluation criteria.
	Avg. Non-Gas Fuel Units/Part. Saved, Size B	0.00	kWh/Participant	
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Avg. Additional Non-Gas Fuel Units/Part.Used, Size C	210,000	kWh/Participant		

AVG. NON-GAS FUEL UNITS/ PART.	Calculations & Other Explanation:	Calculated potential electricity consumption based on 70 kW heat pump (RFI respondent suggested 40–100kW range might be targeted), 4000 hours per year operation (e.g. 16 hours/day * 5 days/week* 50 weeks/year), and assume running at average of 75% load factor for that time. Ultimately, there is a lot of uncertainty in the electricity consumption that will be added, given how site and application specific this will be.
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Natural gas energy savings that result from multiplying savings per participant times the total number of new participants in a given year

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This section does not apply to all pilot types. The GHG changes from decreased natural gas and/or electricity consumption will be calculated based on values above. However, for pilots where NGIA requires lifecycle GHG savings (e.g. RNG, hydrogen, carbon capture) this section accounts for the lifecycle change in GHG emissions (per unit of participation).																																																																																																																	
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Peak Reduction Factor	1%
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PEAK REDUCTION FACTOR	
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OTHER QUANTITATIVE CRITERIA:

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OTHER NON-GHG POLLUTANTS	2024 Gas environmental damage from all criteria pollutants combined 2022 Gas environmental damage from all criteria pollutants combined Escalation rate from legislation	\$ 0.37 \$ 0.34 per Dth 2022 USD adjustment to 2024 USD 0.0779	The factor is calculated using the median range of the final metropolitan fringe environmental cost values approved by the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) for carbon dioxide (CO2), sulfur dioxide (SO2), fine particulate matter (PM2.5), carbon monoxide (CO), nitrogen oxides (NOx), and lead (Pb); along with estimated natural gas emission factor (or factors) for each emission provided by the Environmental Protection Agency Source: AP-42, Fifth Edition, Compilation of Air Pollutant Emission Factors, Volume I: Stationary Point and Area Sources

Annual escalation rate 3.82% Annual escalation rate calculated as the average of the 12-month percentage change in the "all items" customer price index available from the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics between 2018 and 2022.
<https://www.bls.gov/charts/consumer-price-index/consumer-price-index-by-category-line-chart.htm>

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Total during 5 program years	Remainder of project life	
Net Direct Job Creation, Size A	1	3	0	0	0	5	6	# of jobs
Net Direct Job Creation, Size B	1	3	3	1	1	8	13	# of jobs
Net Direct Job Creation, Size C	1	3	5	1	1	11	19	# of jobs
Net Indirect Job Creation, Size A	0	1	0	0	0	2	3	# of jobs
Net Indirect Job Creation, Size B	0	1	1	0	0	3	8	# of jobs
Net Indirect Job Creation, Size C	0	1	2	1	1	5	11	# of jobs
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Net Induced Job Creation, Size B	0	2	2	0	0	5	8	# of jobs
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NET JOB CREATION

Calculations & Other Explanation:
 Job numbers are estimated as Full Time Equivalents (FTE) and are rounded off.

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:	
Public Co-Benefits, Size A	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year	<i>Quantifiable in some cases. If this metric isn't quantifiable, there is space for any qualitative comments in the Additional Qualitative Considerations section below.</i>
Public Co-Benefits, Size B	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year	
Public Co-Benefits, Size C	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year	

Calculations & Other Explanation:

PUBLIC CO-BENEFITS

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:	
Water Pollution, Size A	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year	<i>The legislation left the door open to quantify any costs and benefits on water pollution. This might be quantifiable for some of the projects. If this metric isn't quantifiable, there is space for any qualitative comments in the Additional Qualitative Considerations section below.</i>
Water Pollution, Size B	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year	
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Calculations & Other Explanation:

WATER POLLUTION

ADDITIONAL QUALITATIVE CONSIDERATIONS:

NGIA Utility Perspective Notes:
It is expected that most of the utility perspective costs and benefits will be quantifiable with and should be heavily informed by the structural values and CIP quantification methods.

Definition:

NGIA Participants'

Perspective Notes:

Definition: It is expected that many of the elements of the participant perspective, with respect to the direct effect of pilots, will be quantifiable and will rely on the structural values. Add here any information related to some direct effects of pilots on participants that may not be easily quantifiable. For example, increased comfort in a home and health benefits from pilots that improve indoor air quality are two examples of benefits that may be difficult to quantify.

May assist MN businesses in achieving GHG goals

NGIA

Nonparticipating

Customers'

Perspective Notes:

Definition: As with the utility perspective, the direct effects of pilot programs on non-participating customers should be quantified in most cases and can be heavily informed by structural values.

Effects on Other

Energy Systems

and Energy

Security:

Definition:

NGIA invites the Commission to consider how innovative resources fit into the energy system with a broader perspective than effects on the gas utility and its customers. Measures like strategic electrification specifically require gas utilities and the Commission to avoid negative effects on the electric system. Further, the NGIA empowers the Commission to consider a wide variety of "costs and benefits that may be expected under a plan," one of which is a reduction of reliance on imported resources and national fuel markets.

Promotes strategic electrification

GHG Emissions

Notes:

Definition: An innovation plan must include the total lifecycle GHG emissions that the utility projects will be reduced or avoided through implementing the plan. This benefit should be generally quantifiable using the Commission-approved GHG accounting framework and GHG externality values. Note that this row also calls for discussion of any environmental justice effects of the pilot related to GHG emissions, these may not be quantifiable.

Other Pollution

Notes:

Definition:

Include any additional non-GHG environmental costs and benefits. For example, effects on water pollution that may not be quantifiable, or specific air quality benefits to a low income community. Note that this also calls for discussion of any environmental justice effects of the pilot related to non-GHG pollution.

Waste Reduction

and Reuse Notes:

Definition: Waste reduction, reuse, and anaerobic digestion are goals of the NGIA. Includes reduction of water use.

Policy Notes:

Definition: NGIA is intended to help the state achieve certain environmental policy goals including geologic gas throughput reduction and increased use of renewable resources.

Reduces fossil gas throughput; increases use of renewable energy

Net Job Creation

Notes:

Definition: An innovation plan must include, as applicable, "projected local job impacts resulting from implementation of the plan." Utilities should consider both jobs created by proposed pilots and jobs that may be eliminated by proposed pilots.

Economic

Development

Notes:

Definition: The Commission must make a finding that the innovation plan "promotes local economic development." Creation of jobs is a form of economic development, but economic development is broader. For example, pilots that pay workers a living wage or support apprenticeships or training opportunities would provide additional economic benefits.

Public Co-Benefits

Notes:

Definition:

There may be public benefits for certain pilots. For example, the NGIA is intended to help support wastewater treatment and organics recycling. This category could also include odor effects on Minnesota communities – either reductions in unpleasant odors or increased odor problems.

Market Development Notes:

Definition:

The NGIA supports the development of new markets or expansion of markets in Minnesota. For example, utilities are required to describe whether proposed plans support the development of alternative agricultural products, as well as the geographic areas of the state where benefits are realized

May help MN businesses appeal to customers interested in sustainability

Direct Innovation Support Notes:

Definition:

This category is intended to answer how the proposed pilot supports the development and increased deployment of innovative resources beyond the direct program impacts. For example, research and development projects, which are permitted under the NGIA-40 are unlikely to produce significant benefits on their own but are intended to lead to future opportunities.

Opportunity for customers to learn about novel options for reducing GHGs from their systems

Resource Scalability and Role in a Decarbonized System Notes:

Definition:

While NGIA pilots may have small impacts in the near-term, stakeholders felt it was important for the Commission to consider the potential importance of each resource in a decarbonized energy system. The NGIA requires the Commission to consider changes to natural gas utility and regulatory policy structures needed to meet or exceed Minnesota's GHG reduction goals. NGIA pilots should provide valuable information to the Commission as it considers the energy future of the state.

Strategic electrification necessary part of net zero strategy



CNP18 – Commercial hybrid heating pilot

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NGIA Pilot Profiles Workbook

DESCRIPTION	Pilot Project Code: CNP18 Pilot Project Name: Commercial hybrid heating pilot Customer Class/ Sector: C&I Low-Income Community Benefit? N Target Area: Territory-wide Primary Innovative Resource Category: Strategic Electrification		Select primary Innovation Category. Others can be listed here:
	Pilot Description: CenterPoint Energy proposes to provide support for commercial buildings interested in replacing existing Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning ("HVAC") systems with hybrid system using electric heat pumps and gas backup.		
Overview of Program/ Implementation Approach: The programmatic approach used here is based on a similar program run by ConEd in New York. This would be a direct install program from the perspective of vendor handling all aspects of the equipment installation, but the customer would pay the bulk of the vendor costs (60%), with CenterPoint Energy covering the remaining portion of installation costs (40%) and some program administration costs. A significant budget for monitoring/metering, analysis, and reporting on the system results is also included in the pilot funding. This pilot would be conducted in coordination with ETA, which has chosen hybrid rooftop units as one of its focus technologies. ETA is focused on driving market transformation, but does not have the ability to offer customer incentives such as those included in this NGIA pilot, so there is a lot of natural synergy between both efforts.			
Other Comments / Information: Pilot sizes differ depending on number of participants.			

KEY PILOT-SPECIFIC INPUTS:

NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS	Pilot Year					
	Calendar Year	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028
	Participating Units, Size A	10	15	15	15	15
	Participating Units, Size B	15	30	30	30	30
	Participating Units, Size C	20	45	45	45	45
Calculations & Other Explanation: Unit of Participation = Facility						

UTILITY PILOT COSTS	Annual Total Utility Incremental Cost, Size A Annual Total Utility Incremental Cost, Size B Annual Total Utility Incremental Cost, Size C	Year 1 \$ 696,000 \$ 913,000 \$ 1,130,000	Year 2 \$ 895,310 \$ 1,546,310 \$ 2,197,310	Year 3 \$ 902,689 \$ 1,553,689 \$ 2,204,689	Year 4 \$ 740,140 \$ 1,391,140 \$ 2,042,140	Year 5 \$ 742,664 \$ 1,393,664 \$ 2,044,664	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit: total cost per year total cost per year total cost per year	These incremental utility costs are what will count against the NGIA budget cap for this measure and will be used in the Utility Cost, and Non Participant Cost tests for the NGIA evaluation criteria. This is the sum of utility admin costs to run pilot, any incentive funding to support pilot deployment, and/or the utility's annual revenue requirement for capital investments made on select pilots.
	Fixed O&M Cost, Size A Fixed O&M Cost, Size B Fixed O&M Cost, Size C	Year 1 \$ 372,000 \$ 427,000 \$ 482,000	Year 2 \$ 409,310 \$ 574,310 \$ 739,310	Year 3 \$ 416,689 \$ 581,689 \$ 746,689	Year 4 \$ 254,140 \$ 419,140 \$ 584,140	Year 5 \$ 256,664 \$ 421,664 \$ 586,664	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit: total cost per year total cost per year total cost per year	Fixed O&M Cost is the result of adding up Total Project Delivery, Advertising and Promotions, Utility Administration, Trade Ally Incentives, and Workforce Development or Market Transformation Cost
Total Project Delivery, Size A Total Project Delivery, Size B Total Project Delivery, Size C	Year 1 \$ 367,000 \$ 422,000 \$ 477,000	Year 2 \$ 404,310 \$ 569,310 \$ 734,310	Year 3 \$ 411,689 \$ 576,689 \$ 741,689	Year 4 \$ 249,140 \$ 414,140 \$ 579,140	Year 5 \$ 251,664 \$ 416,664 \$ 581,664	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit: per year per year per year	Total internal and external project delivery	
Internal Project Delivery, Size A Internal Project Delivery, Size B Internal Project Delivery, Size C	Year 1 \$ 77,000 \$ 77,000 \$ 77,000	Year 2 \$ 79,310 \$ 79,310 \$ 79,310	Year 3 \$ 81,689 \$ 81,689 \$ 81,689	Year 4 \$ 84,140 \$ 84,140 \$ 84,140	Year 5 \$ 86,664 \$ 86,664 \$ 86,664	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit: per year per year per year	CNP staff. These costs are sub-set of the Utility "Fixed O&M Cost" category above.	
External Project Delivery, Size A External Project Delivery, Size B External Project Delivery, Size C	Year 1 \$ 290,000 \$ 345,000 \$ 400,000	Year 2 \$ 325,000 \$ 490,000 \$ 655,000	Year 3 \$ 330,000 \$ 495,000 \$ 660,000	Year 4 \$ 165,000 \$ 330,000 \$ 495,000	Year 5 \$ 165,000 \$ 330,000 \$ 495,000	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit: per year per year per year	External vendor costs would include direct install costs where CNP reimburses the vendor. These costs are sub-set of the Utility "Fixed O&M Cost" category above.	
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Allocation of General Portfolio Costs, Size A Allocation of General Portfolio Costs, Size B Allocation of General Portfolio Costs, Size C	Year 1 \$ - \$ - \$ -	Year 2 \$ - \$ - \$ -	Year 3 \$ - \$ - \$ -	Year 4 \$ - \$ - \$ -	Year 5 \$ - \$ - \$ -	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit: per year per year per year	Share of portfolio level costs, including plan development costs, regulatory costs, and general portfolio costs	
Trade Ally Incentives, Size A Trade Ally Incentives, Size B Trade Ally Incentives, Size C	Year 1 \$ - \$ - \$ -	Year 2 \$ - \$ - \$ -	Year 3 \$ - \$ - \$ -	Year 4 \$ - \$ - \$ -	Year 5 \$ - \$ - \$ -	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit: per year per year per year	If applicable, include here the annual amount of trade ally incentives (e.g. midstream program)	
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TOTAL AND DIRECT PARTICIPANT PILOT COSTS	Total utility capital investment, Size A	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:	This tracks expectations for when this pilot would require capital investments from the utility, if applicable. This will not directly feed into the incremental costs for NGA, but instead will be used to estimate the timing and level of annual revenue requirement resulting from these capital investments (shown below).		
	Total utility capital investment, Size B	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year			
	Total utility capital investment, Size C	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year			
	Est. Annual Revenue Requirement for Capital Projects, Size A	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:	For capital projects, the incremental cost impact on the NGA budget is the annual revenue requirement (return of and on capital additions), as well as the utility 'Fixed O&M Costs' captured above. This revenue requirement is calculated from the magnitude & timing of capital investment captured above, based on expected measure life (and depreciation time period), as well as the utility's return on investment.		
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	Est. Annual Revenue Requirement for Capital Projects, Size C	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year			
	Est. Total Revenue Requirement for Capital Projects, Size A	Total	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:					The total revenue requirement is calculated from the magnitude & timing of total capital investment captured above, based on expected measure life (and depreciation time period), as well as the utility's return on investment. This cost is noted here for reference, it's not used to calculate any of the NGA evaluation criteria.		
	Est. Total Revenue Requirement for Capital Projects, Size B	\$ -	per year							
	Est. Total Revenue Requirement for Capital Projects, Size C	\$ -	per year							
	Incentives, Size A	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:	This tracks total incentives paid directly to customers (customer rebates like money, gift cards or other fungible payments, etc.). Do not include here cost of customer benefits delivered directly to the customer by a program vendor (paying for the cost of energy/GHG audits or direct install measures), or making a capital investment in a customer's project where the customer doesn't hold equipment ownership. Incentives will be used in the Participant Pilot tests for the NGA evaluation criteria.		
Incentives, Size B	\$ 324,000	\$ 486,000	\$ 486,000	\$ 486,000	\$ 486,000	per year				
Incentives, Size C	\$ 486,000	\$ 972,000	\$ 972,000	\$ 972,000	\$ 972,000	per year				
Incentives per Participant, Size A	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:	Incentives per participant is a function of total incentives paid directly to customers.			
Incentives per Participant, Size B	\$ 32,400	\$ 32,400	\$ 32,400	\$ 32,400	\$ 32,400	per participant per year				
Incentives per Participant, Size C	\$ 32,400	\$ 32,400	\$ 32,400	\$ 32,400	\$ 32,400	per participant per year				
Calculations & Other Explanation:	Average Total Project Costs (Implementation and Capital Costs) for Hybrid Heat Pumps: \$91,000 per participant Expected External Program Implementation Cost: \$11,000 per participant									
Monitoring & Reporting Budget	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Based on information from RFI respondent (covers detailed monitoring and analysis of 3-4 systems per year, simple monitoring packages on 50% of the systems, and reporting on the results)						
	\$ 180,000	\$ 160,000	\$ 165,000							
	Customer Portion of Costs:	60%								
	Utility Portion of Costs (incentive):	40%								
	Assumed Baseline Cost for End of Life Replacements:	\$60,000								
	Assumed Portion of Replacements that are End of Life Replacements:	72.00%								
PARTICIPANT NON-ENERGY COSTS	Total Pilot Upfront Costs, Size A	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:	This represents the total equipment and installation costs for technologies implemented as part of this pilot (specifically non-utility capital projects that were captured separately above). This cost does not account for what portion of costs may be covered by utility incentives, nor include utility program admin costs.		
	Total Pilot Upfront Costs, Size B	\$ 21,000	\$ 21,000	\$ 21,000	\$ 21,000	\$ 21,000	per participant			
	Total Pilot Upfront Costs, Size C	\$ 21,000	\$ 21,000	\$ 21,000	\$ 21,000	\$ 21,000	per participant			
	Third Party Funding, Size A	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:	If there are expectations for external funding sources (e.g. IRA, etc) account for those values here. This funding is noted here for reference, it's not used to calculate any of the NGA evaluation criteria.		
	Third Party Funding, Size B	\$ 250	\$ 250	\$ 250	\$ 250	\$ 250	per participant			
	Third Party Funding, Size C	\$ 250	\$ 250	\$ 250	\$ 250	\$ 250	per participant			
	Description of source of external funding:	IRA, etc								
	Direct Participant Pilot Costs, Size A	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:	This represents the upfront costs to participants who participate in this pilot. This is a calculated value, where utility incentives are subtracted from the total upfront project costs. Direct Participant Pilot costs will be used in the Participant Cost tests for the NGA evaluation criteria. Note some pilots taking a 'Direct Install' approach may see the utility covering all costs, with no upfront financial contribution from the participant.		
	Direct Participant Pilot Costs, Size B	\$ 5,150	\$ 5,150	\$ 5,150	\$ 5,150	\$ 5,150	per participant			
	Direct Participant Pilot Costs, Size C	\$ 5,150	\$ 5,150	\$ 5,150	\$ 5,150	\$ 5,150	per participant			
Calculations & Other Explanation:	Escalation rate: Year 1 3.82%, Year 2 3.82%, Year 3 3.82%, Year 4 3.82%, Year 5 3.82% (for each pilot analysis year) Assumed Portion of Participants that Qualify for IRA incentives: 50% In order to qualify for IRA incentives, the retrofit would need to achieve a 25% absolute energy savings for the facility. The archetype project included in this profile would result in a 72% reduction in space heating energy cost Assumed per customer IRA incentive: \$500 Conservative assumption for 1790 commercial deduction - assumes only the minimum 25% savings (higher savings qualify for higher deductions); assumes 10% top marginal tax bracket; assumes 10,000 sq foot building (de									
PARTICIPANT NON-ENERGY SAVINGS	Participant Non-Energy Costs, Size A	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:	This includes any increased in costs like equipment operating costs or increased water costs. Participant Non-Energy Costs will be used in the Participant Cost tests for the NGA evaluation criteria.		
	Participant Non-Energy Costs, Size B	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per participant per year of pilot life			
	Participant Non-Energy Costs, Size C	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per participant per year of pilot life			
	Calculations & Other Explanation:	Escalation rate: Year 1 3.82%, Year 2 3.82%, Year 3 3.82%, Year 4 3.82%, Year 5 3.82% (for each pilot analysis year) For an escalation rate, we use the average of the 12-month percentage change in the "all items" consumer price index available from the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics, as reported in December for each of the last five years. Using the most recently available data.								
	PILOT LIFE	Average Lifetime for Savings/Pilot Tech, Size A	15		years					Calculations & Other Explanation:
		Average Lifetime for Savings/Pilot Tech, Size B	15		years					
		Average Lifetime for Savings/Pilot Tech, Size C	15		years					

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PEAK REDUCTION FACTOR	Peak Reduction Factor <u>Calculations & Other Explanation:</u>	1%	The estimated average annual effect of the project on system peak. It is estimated to be 1% for energy efficiency pilots. The method for other innovative resources should be considered in the context of specific utility proposals. Peak Reduction Factor will be used in the Utility Cost and Non Participant Cost tests for the NGIA evaluation criteria.																																																																						
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NON-GAS FUEL COST	Non-Gas (i.e., Electric) Fuel Cost <u>Calculations & Other Explanation:</u>	\$ 44.14	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit: per MWh The CIP methodology is used for all resources other than strategic electrification. The method for strategic electrification should be considered in the context of specific utility pilot proposals. equal to the average of daily real-time final market locational marginal prices (LMP) at the Minnesota Hub from January 1 2022 to December 31, 2022 using data from Midwest Independent System Operator (MISO)																																																																						
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OTHER QUANTITATIVE CRITERIA:

		USD Cost Unit:		
OTHER NON-GHG POLLUTANTS	Other Non-GHG Pollutants, Size A	\$	0.37	per Dth
	Other Non-GHG Pollutants, Size B	\$	0.37	per Dth
	Other Non-GHG Pollutants, Size C	\$	0.37	per Dth

Calculations & Other Explanation:

Generally no change from CIP methodology. The factor is calculated using the final environmental cost values approved by Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (Commission). The factors are reported in 2021 dollars in Table 2 below, which were calculated by inflating the Commission's approved dollar per ton environmental cost values using escalation rate to adjust by observed inflation between 2014 and 2021. Stakeholders expressed a preference for allowing utilities to select different externality values for pilots targeting specific geographies or populations. For example, an energy efficiency project that targets an urban area might use the urban value rather than the metropolitan fringe value. Similarly, a project targeting a low-income population might use a high value rather than the median. Utilities can make deviations such as these in their NGIA plans if they can provide justification for the change. Instead of requiring the use of median metropolitan fringe values for all non-GHG pollutants, as shown in Table 1 of the Commission's January 3, 2018 Order in Docket No. E0999/C1-14-643, utilities may use the value most applicable for the pilot or measure.

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Total during 5 program years	Remainder of project life	
Net Direct Job Creation, Size A	2	3	3	3	3	14	5	# of jobs
Net Direct Job Creation, Size B	4	6	6	6	6	28	12	# of jobs
Net Direct Job Creation, Size C	4	9	9	8	9	38	17	# of jobs
Net Indirect Job Creation, Size A	1	2	2	2	2	9	3	# of jobs
Net Indirect Job Creation, Size B	3	4	4	3	3	17	7	# of jobs
Net Indirect Job Creation, Size C	3	5	5	5	5	22	11	# of jobs
Net Induced Job Creation, Size A	2	2	2	2	2	10	3	# of jobs
Net Induced Job Creation, Size A	3	4	4	3	4	18	8	# of jobs
Net Induced Job Creation, Size A	3	5	6	5	5	23	11	# of jobs

Calculations & Other Explanation:

Job numbers are estimated as Full Time Equivalents (FTE) and are rounded off.

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Public Co-Benefits, Size A	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-	per year
Public Co-Benefits, Size B	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-	per year
Public Co-Benefits, Size C	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-	per year

Calculations & Other Explanation:

Quantifiable in some cases. If this metric isn't quantifiable, there is space for any qualitative comments in the Additional Qualitative Considerations section below.

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:	
Water Pollution, Size A	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-	per year
Water Pollution, Size B	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-	per year
Water Pollution, Size C	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-	per year

Calculations & Other Explanation:

The legislation left the door open to quantify any costs and benefits on water pollution. This might be quantifiable for some of the projects. If this metric isn't quantifiable, there is space for any qualitative comments in the Additional Qualitative Considerations section below.

ADDITIONAL QUALITATIVE CONSIDERATIONS:

NGIA Utility
 Perspective Notes:
 It is expected that most of the utility perspective costs and benefits will be quantifiable with and should be heavily informed by the structural values and CIP quantification methods.

Definition:

NGIA Participants'
 Perspective Notes:
 It is expected that many of the elements of the participant perspective, with respect to the direct effect of pilots, will be quantifiable and will rely on the structural values. Add here any information related to some direct effects of pilots on participants that may not be easily quantifiable. For example, increased comfort in a home and health benefits from pilots that improve indoor air quality are two examples of benefits that may be difficult to quantify.
 May assist MN businesses in achieving GHG goals

Definition:

NGIA Nonparticipating Customers'
 Perspective Notes:
 As with the utility perspective, the direct effects of pilot programs on non-participating customers should be quantified in most cases and can be heavily informed by structural values.

Definition:

Effects on Other Energy Systems and Energy Security:

Definition: NGIA invites the Commission to consider how innovative resources fit into the energy system with a broader perspective than effects on the gas utility and its customers. Measures like strategic electrification specifically require gas utilities and the Commission to avoid negative effects on the electric system. Further, the NGIA empowers the Commission to consider a wide variety of "costs and benefits that may be expected under a plan," one of which is a reduction of reliance on imported resources and national fuel markets.
Promotes strategic electrification

GHG Emissions:

Notes: An innovation plan must include the total lifecycle GHG emissions that the utility projects will be reduced or avoided through implementing the plan. This benefit should be generally quantifiable using the Commission-approved GHG accounting framework and GHG externality values. Note that this row also calls for discussion of any environmental justice effects of the pilot related to GHG emissions, these may not be quantifiable.

Other Pollution:

Notes: Definition: Include any additional non-GHG environmental costs and benefits. For example, effects on water pollution that may not be quantifiable, or specific air quality benefits to a low income community. Note that this also calls for discussion of any environmental justice effects of the pilot related to non-GHG pollution.

Waste Reduction and Reuse Notes:

Definition: Waste reduction, reuse, and anaerobic digestion are goals of the NGIA. Includes reduction of water use.

Policy Notes:

Definition: NGIA is intended to help the state achieve certain environmental policy goals including geologic gas throughput reduction and increased use of renewable resources.
Reduces fossil gas throughput; increases use of renewable energy

Net Job Creation:

Notes: Definition: An innovation plan must include, as applicable, "projected local job impacts resulting from implementation of the plan." Utilities should consider both jobs created by proposed pilots and jobs that may be eliminated by proposed pilots.

Economic Development:

Notes: Definition: The Commission must make a finding that the innovation plan "promotes local economic development." Creation of jobs is a form of economic development, but economic development is broader. For example, pilots that pay workers a living wage or support apprenticeships or training opportunities would provide additional economic benefits.
Projects may follow IRA labor requirements to take advantage of tax benefits

Public Co-Benefits:

Notes: Definition: There may be public benefits for certain pilots. For example, the NGIA is intended to help support wastewater treatment and organics recycling. This category could also include odor effects on Minnesota communities – either reductions in unpleasant odors or increased odor problems.

Market Development:

Notes: Definition: The NGIA supports the development of new markets or expansion of markets in Minnesota. For example, utilities are required to describe whether proposed plans support the development of alternative agricultural products, as well as the geographic areas of the state where benefits are realized
May help MN businesses appeal to customers interested in sustainability

Direct Innovation Support Notes:

Definition: This category is intended to answer how the proposed pilot supports the development and increased deployment of innovative resources beyond the direct program impacts. For example, research and development projects, which are permitted under the NGIA,40 are unlikely to produce significant benefits on their own but are intended to lead to future opportunities.
Opportunity for customers to learn about novel options for reducing GHGs from their systems

Resource
Scalability and Role
in a Decarbonized
System Notes:
Definition:

While NGIA pilots may have small impacts in the near-term, stakeholders felt it was important for the Commission to consider the potential importance of each resource in a decarbonized energy system. The NGIA requires the Commission to consider changes to natural gas utility and regulatory policy structures needed to meet or exceed Minnesota's GHG reduction goals. NGIA pilots should provide valuable information to the Commission as it considers the energy future of the state.

Strategic electrification necessary part of net zero strategy



CNP19 - Residential deep energy retrofit + electric ASHP pilot (with gas backup)

[Click here to go back to the list of all pilots](#)

NGIA Pilot Profiles Workbook

DESCRIPTION	Pilot Project Code:	CNP19	
	Pilot Project Name:	Residential deep energy retrofit + electric ASHP pilot (with gas backup)	
	Customer Class/ Sector:	C&I & Res	
	Low-Income Community Benefit?	Yes	
Target Area:	Territory-wide		
Primary Innovative Resource Category:	Strategic Electrification	Select primary Innovation Category. Others can be listed here:	Energy efficiency
Pilot Description: CenterPoint Energy proposes a three-phase pilot program to test a combination of deep energy retrofits and air-source electric heat pumps with gas back-up in a variety of residential building types.			
Overview of Program/ Implementation Approach: The phase 1 building modelling would be used to develop a more detailed 'pilot program design' for phase, deciding on things like the different tiers of measures that the pilot should test (e.g. different levels of energy efficiency retrofit), the types of buildings to target, and recruiting participants. Phase 2 field testing would see contractors engaged to perform the different tiers of retrofits, install the ASHPs (with gas back-up remaining in place), and setting up the metering equipment. Phase 3 would also leverage external vendors to implement the program, with the general expectation that this would shift from a direct install program to an incentive program (targeting a higher number of customers), but the programmatic approach would be not settled until after phase 2. Plan currently targets both single family homes and multi-family homes, and would consider a mix of 'conventional' building shell retrofit technologies as well as a few emerging technology options.			
Other Comments / Information: Participation shown for years 4 and 5, for phase 3, is currently just a placeholder. CenterPoint will use phases 1 and 2 to inform what makes sense for phase 3 (e.g. level of insulation, level of incentives, etc.). But we are planning for the budget included below, based on the assumptions specified for phase 3 and the amount of NGIA budget CenterPoint estimates might make sense to focus here. Need these estimates in order to set aside some level of funding for phase 3.			

KEY PILOT-SPECIFIC INPUTS:

NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS	Pilot Year		Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5		
	Calendar Year		2024	2025	2026	2027	2028		
	Participating Units, Size A		0	7	7	35	70	Incremental units added, annual (not cumulative).	
	Participating Units, Size B		0	14	14	70	140		
	Participating Units, Size C		0	21	21	105	210		
	Unit of Participation = Buildings retrofitted								
	Calculations & Other Explanation:								
	Phase 1 - Scoping Study, Program Design, & Recruitment								
	Size A	1	0	0	0	0	0		
	Size B	1	0	0	0	0	0		
Size C	1	0	0	0	0	0			
Phase 2 - Pilot Testing & Phase 3 Broader Roll Out									
Size A - Single Family Homes	0	6	6	30	60				
Size B - Single Family Homes	0	12	12	60	120				
Size C - Single Family Homes	0	18	18	90	180				
Size A - Multi Family Homes	0	1	1	5	10				
Size B - Multi Family Homes	0	2	2	10	20				
Size C - Multi Family Homes	0	3	3	15	30				

	Annual Total Utility Incremental Cost, Size A	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:		
	\$	197,000	\$ 1,104,690	\$ 1,107,069	\$ 1,462,316	\$ 2,792,614	total cost per year	These incremental utility costs are what will count against the NGIA budget cap for this measure and will be used in the Utility Cost, and Non-Participant Cost tests for the NGIA evaluation criteria. This is the sum of utility admin costs to run pilot, any incentive funding to support project deployment, and/or the utility's annual revenue requirement for capital investments made on select pilots.	
	Annual Total Utility Incremental Cost, Size B	\$	197,000	\$ 2,045,070	\$ 2,047,449	\$ 2,790,090	\$ 5,448,564	total cost per year	
	Annual Total Utility Incremental Cost, Size C	\$	197,000	\$ 2,985,450	\$ 2,987,829	\$ 4,118,065	\$ 8,104,514	total cost per year	
	Fixed O&M Cost, Size A	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:		
	\$	197,000	\$ 1,104,690	\$ 1,107,069	\$ 379,140	\$ 626,664	total cost per year	Fixed O&M Cost is the result of adding up Total Project Delivery, Advertising and Promotions, Utility Administration, Trade Ally Incentives, and Workforce Development of Market Transformation Cost	
	Fixed O&M Cost, Size B	\$	197,000	\$ 2,045,070	\$ 2,047,449	\$ 624,140	\$ 1,116,664	total cost per year	
	Fixed O&M Cost, Size C	\$	197,000	\$ 2,985,450	\$ 2,987,829	\$ 869,140	\$ 1,606,664	total cost per year	
	Total Project Delivery, Size A	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:		
	\$	197,000	\$ 1,094,690	\$ 1,097,069	\$ 329,140	\$ 576,664	per year	Total internal and external project delivery	
	Total Project Delivery, Size B	\$	197,000	\$ 2,035,070	\$ 2,037,449	\$ 574,140	\$ 1,066,664	per year	
	Total Project Delivery, Size C	\$	197,000	\$ 2,975,450	\$ 2,977,829	\$ 819,140	\$ 1,556,664	per year	
	Internal Project Delivery, Size A	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:		
	\$	77,000	\$ 79,310	\$ 81,689	\$ 84,140	\$ 86,664	per year	CNP staff. These costs are sub-set of the Utility 'Fixed O&M Cost' category above.	
	Internal Project Delivery, Size B	\$	77,000	\$ 79,310	\$ 81,689	\$ 84,140	\$ 86,664	per year	
Internal Project Delivery, Size C	\$	77,000	\$ 79,310	\$ 81,689	\$ 84,140	\$ 86,664	per year		
External Project Delivery, Size A	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:			
\$	120,000	\$ 1,015,380	\$ 1,015,380	\$ 245,000	\$ 480,000	per year	External vendor costs would include direct install costs where CNP reimburses the vendor. These costs are sub-set of the Utility 'Fixed O&M Cost' category above.		
External Project Delivery, Size B	\$	120,000	\$ 1,955,760	\$ 1,955,760	\$ 490,000	\$ 980,000	per year		
External Project Delivery, Size C	\$	120,000	\$ 2,896,140	\$ 2,896,140	\$ 735,000	\$ 1,470,000	per year		
Advertising and Promotions, Size A	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:			
\$	-	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	per year	These costs are sub-set of the Utility 'Fixed O&M Cost' category above.		
Advertising and Promotions, Size B	\$	-	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	per year		
Advertising and Promotions, Size C	\$	-	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	per year		
Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:				

UTILITY PILOT COSTS

Allocation of General Portfolio Costs, Size A
Allocation of General Portfolio Costs, Size B
Allocation of General Portfolio Costs, Size C

						per year
						per year
						per year

Share of portfolio level costs, including plan development costs, regulatory costs, and general portfolio costs

Trade Ally Incentives, Size A
Trade Ally Incentives, Size B
Trade Ally Incentives, Size C

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:
\$	-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year
\$	-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year
\$	-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year

If applicable, include here the annual amount of trade ally incentives (e.g. midstream program)

Workforce Development or Market Transformation Cost, Size A
Workforce Development or Market Transformation Cost, Size B
Workforce Development or Market Transformation Cost, Size C

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:
						per year
						per year
						per year

These costs are sub-set of the Utility "Fixed O&M Cost" category above.

Other Fixed O&M Cost, Size A
Other Fixed O&M Cost, Size B
Other Fixed O&M Cost, Size C

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:
\$	-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year
\$	-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year
\$	-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year

These costs are sub-set of the Utility "Fixed O&M Cost" category above.

Total utility capital investment, Size A
Total utility capital investment, Size B
Total utility capital investment, Size C

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:
\$	-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year
\$	-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year
\$	-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year

This tracks expectations for when this pilot would require capital investments from the utility. If applicable, this will not directly feed into the incremental costs for NGIA, but instead will be used to estimate the timing and level of annual revenue requirement resulting from these capital investments (shown below).

Est. Annual Revenue Requirement for Capital Projects, Size A
Est. Annual Revenue Requirement for Capital Projects, Size B
Est. Annual Revenue Requirement for Capital Projects, Size C

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:
\$	-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year
\$	-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year
\$	-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year

For capital projects, the incremental cost impact on the NGIA budget is the annual revenue requirement (return of and an capital additions), as well as the utility "Fixed O&M Costs" captured above. This revenue requirement is calculated from the magnitude & timing of capital investment captured above, based on expected measure life (and depreciation time period), as well as the utility's return on investment.

Est. Total Revenue Requirement for Capital Projects, Size A
Est. Total Revenue Requirement for Capital Projects, Size B
Est. Total Revenue Requirement for Capital Projects, Size C

Total	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:
\$ -	per year
\$ -	per year
\$ -	per year

The total revenue requirement is calculated from the magnitude & timing of total capital investment captured above, based on expected measure life (and depreciation time period), as well as the utility's return on investment. This cost is noted here for reference, it's not used to calculate any of the NGIA evaluation criteria.

Incentives, Size A
Incentives, Size B
Incentives, Size C

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:
\$	-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,082,975	\$ 2,165,950	per year
\$	-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,165,950	\$ 4,331,900	per year
\$	-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,248,925	\$ 6,497,850	per year

This tracks total incentives paid directly to customers (customer rebates like money, gift cards or other fungible payments, etc). Do not include here cost of customer benefits delivered directly to the customer by a program vendor (paying for the cost of energy/GHG audits or direct install measures), or making a capital investment in a customer's project where the customer doesn't hold equipment ownership. Incentives will be used in the Participant Cost tests for the NGIA evaluation criteria.

Incentives per Participant, Size A
Incentives per Participant, Size B
Incentives per Participant, Size C

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:
#DIV/0!	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 30,942.14	\$ 30,942.14	per participant per year
#DIV/0!	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 30,942.14	\$ 30,942.14	per participant per year
#DIV/0!	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 30,942.14	\$ 30,942.14	per participant per year

Incentives per participant is a function of total incentives paid directly to customers.

Calculations & Other Explanation:

Cost for Scoping Study & Program Design: \$120,000

	Phase 2 (Full Cost Covered)	Phase 3 (Incentive)
Average Cost per Participating Single Family Home:	\$ 67,730	\$ 16,933
Average Cost per Participating Multi Family Building:	\$ 460,000	\$ 115,000
Program Delivery & Management (Per Participant):	\$ 7,000	

Initial estimates for the breakdown

TIER	Design Load	Estimated Retrofit Costs	Portion of Total Retrofits in this Tier
Tier 1	44 btu/sq ft	\$ 29,600	25%
Tier 2	22 btu/sq ft	\$ 36,690	25%
Tier 3 - Conventional Tech	10 btu/sq ft	\$ 55,630	25%
Tier 4 - R&D Tech	10 btu/sq ft	\$ 148,000	25%

Note, similar to Tier 3 cost above, ACEEE estimated deep energy retrofit cost (also including central ASHP) of \$52,657 for cold region 1970's home, in their Deep Energy Pathways Report (Amann, et al).

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5
Performance Monitoring, Size A:	\$0	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000	\$0	\$0
Performance Monitoring, Size B:	\$0	\$125,000	\$125,000	\$0	\$0
Performance Monitoring, Size C:	\$0	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$0	\$0

TOTAL AND DIRECT PARTICIPANT PILOT COSTS

Total Pilot Upfront Costs, Size A
Total Pilot Upfront Costs, Size B
Total Pilot Upfront Costs, Size C

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:
\$	-	\$ 123,769	\$ 123,769	\$ 123,769	\$ 123,769	per participant
\$	-	\$ 123,769	\$ 123,769	\$ 123,769	\$ 123,769	per participant
\$	-	\$ 123,769	\$ 123,769	\$ 123,769	\$ 123,769	per participant

This represents the total equipment and installation costs for technologies implemented as part of this pilot (specifically non-utility capital projects that were captured separately above). This cost does not account for what portion of costs may be covered by utility incentives, nor include utility program admin costs.

Third Party Funding, Size A
Third Party Funding, Size B
Third Party Funding, Size C

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:
\$	-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per participant
\$	-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per participant
\$	-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per participant

If there are expectations for external funding sources (e.g. IRA, etc) account for those values here. This funding is noted here for reference, it's not used to calculate any of the NGIA evaluation criteria.

Direct Participant Pilot Costs, Size A
Direct Participant Pilot Costs, Size B
Direct Participant Pilot Costs, Size C

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:
\$	-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 92,826	\$ 92,826	per participant
\$	-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 92,826	\$ 92,826	per participant
\$	-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 92,826	\$ 92,826	per participant

This represents the upfront costs to participants who participate in this pilot. This is a calculated value, where utility incentives are subtracted from the total upfront project costs. Direct Participant Pilot costs will be used in the Participant Cost tests for the NGIA evaluation criteria. Note: some pilots taking a "Direct Install" approach may see the utility covering all costs, with no upfront financial contribution from the participant.

In this pilot for phase 2 CenterPoint would cover all costs, while in phase 3 customers would start to cover costs (although the final phase 3 measure packages could look different)

Calculations & Other Explanation:

Escalation rate	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5
	3.82%	3.82%	3.82%	3.82%	3.82%

(for each pilot analysis) For an escalation rate, we use the

Participant Non-Energy Costs, Size A
Participant Non-Energy Costs, Size B

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:
\$	-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per participant per year of pilot life
\$	-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per participant per year of pilot life

This includes any increased in costs like equipment operating costs or increased water costs. Participant Non-Energy Costs will be used in the Participant Cost tests for the NGIA evaluation criteria.

PARTICIPANT NON-ENERGY COSTS	Participant Non-Energy Costs, Size C	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per participant per year of pilot life				
	Calculations & Other Explanation:	Escalation rate					3.82%	3.82%	3.82%	3.82%	3.82%

PARTICIPANT NON-ENERGY SAVINGS	Participant Non-Energy Savings, Size A	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:	per participant per year of pilot life	This includes any operating savings like water savings.
	Participant Non-Energy Savings, Size B	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		per participant per year of pilot life	
	Participant Non-Energy Savings, Size C	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		per participant per year of pilot life	
	Calculations & Other Explanation:								

PILOT LIFE	Average Lifetime for Savings/Pilot Tech, Size A	32	years	Weighted avg based on savings 40 years building shell, 15 years for ASHPs.
	Average Lifetime for Savings/Pilot Tech, Size B	32	years	
	Average Lifetime for Savings/Pilot Tech, Size C	32	years	
Calculations & Other Explanation:				
		Building Shell		ASHP
	Gas Savings:	45		20
	Portion of Gas Savings	69%		31%
	Measure Life:	40		15

NATURAL GAS ENERGY SAVINGS: AVG. Dth/PARTICIPANT SAVED	Avg. Dth/Participant Saved, Size A	135	Dth/Participant	Taking weighted average of single family homes and multi-family.							
	Avg. Dth/Participant Saved, Size B	135	Dth/Participant								
	Avg. Dth/Participant Saved, Size C	135	Dth/Participant								
	Calculations & Other Explanation:										
		TIER	Approx % Load Reduction	Design Load	Portion of Total Retrofits in this Tier	Space Heating load shifted to electric after retrofit	Gas savings due to retrofit (Dth/yr)	Remaining gas load if no ASHP (Dth/yr)	Gas savings from ASHP installation (with Gas back-up) (Dth/yr)	Total Estimated Gas Savings (Dth/yr)	Remaining Gas Space Heating Load (Dth/yr)
		Tier 1	20%	44 btu/sq ft	25.0%	50%	15	60	30	45	30
		Tier 2	60%	22 btu/sq ft	25.0%	75%	45	30	22.5	67.5	7.5
		Tier 3 - Conventional Tech	80%	10 btu/sq ft	25.0%	90%	60	15	13.5	73.5	1.5
		Tier 4 - R&D Tech	80%	10 btu/sq ft	25.0%	90%	60	15	13.5	73.5	1.5
		Avg. Annual Gas Savings per Participating Single Family Home:	65		129.75	2,076					
	Avg. Annual Gas Savings per Participating Multi Family Building:	555		1,102.00	17,763						
	Avg. Electric kWh increase per Participating Single Family Home:	2,025		4,050.50	64,808						
	Avg. Electric kWh increase per Participating Multi Family Building:	20,447		40,893.17	654,291						
	Base case gas consumption (per single family home):	75	Dth/yr								

AVG. NON-GAS FUEL UNITS/ PART.	Avg. Non-Gas Fuel Units/Part. Saved, Size A	0.00	kWh/Participant	Units are kWh, could technically be other non-NG. Avg. Non-Gas Fuel Units/Part. Saved will be used in the Participant Cost tests for the NGIA evaluation criteria.						
	Avg. Non-Gas Fuel Units/Part. Saved, Size B	0.00	kWh/Participant							
	Avg. Non-Gas Fuel Units/Part. Saved, Size C	0.00	kWh/Participant							
	Calculations & Other Explanation:									
	Avg. Additional Non-Gas Fuel Units/Part.Used, Size A	4,657	kWh/Participant	Avg. Additional Non-Gas Fuel Units/Part. Used will be used in the Participant Cost tests for the NGIA evaluation criteria.						
	Avg. Additional Non-Gas Fuel Units/Part.Used, Size B	4,657	kWh/Participant							
	Avg. Additional Non-Gas Fuel Units/Part.Used, Size C	4,657	kWh/Participant							
Calculations & Other Explanation:										
		TIER	Net electric load added (kWh/year)							
		Tier 1	2,879							
		Tier 2	2,460							
		Tier 3 - Conventional Tech	1,381							
		Tier 4 - R&D Tech	1,381							

TOTAL ANNUAL Dth SAVED	Total Annual Dth Saved, Size A	-	944	944	4,722	9,444	Dth	Natural gas energy savings that result from multiplying savings per participant times the total number of new participants in a given year
	Total Annual Dth Saved, Size B	-	1,889	1,889	9,444	18,887	Dth	
	Total Annual Dth Saved, Size C	-	2,833	2,833	14,165	28,331	Dth	
Calculations & Other Explanation:								

GRID MIX SCENARIO	Grid Mix Scenario	NREL wind 50/50	Select one of the listed grid mix scenarios taking into account that: *Utilities shall use electric-utility-specific generation mix information for the renewable natural gas facility when it is reasonably available. When electric utility-specific information is not available, the filing gas utility will use a state-specific generation mix taken from National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL) data where applicable. High and low scenarios shall incorporate at least low and high assumptions for electricity use and other fuels used in the scenario. Non-fossil generation scenarios shall be used to meet baseload needs and other dispatchable needs.
	Calculations & Other Explanation:		

This section does not apply to all pilot types. The GHG changes from decreased natural gas and/or electricity consumption will be calculated based on values above. However, for pilots where NGIA requires lifecycle GHG savings (e.g. RNG, hydrogen, carbon capture) this section accounts for the lifecycle change in GHG emissions (per unit of participation).							
Lifecycle GHG Intensity, Size A		Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	
	Low Expected	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	kg CO2e/participant

Utilities shall file a high, low, and expected greenhouse gas intensity for innovative resources included in a proposed Natural Gas Innovation Act innovation (NGIA) plan where applicable. High and low scenarios shall incorporate at least low and high assumptions for electricity use and other fuels used in the scenario. Non-fossil generation scenarios shall be used to meet baseload needs and other dispatchable needs.

LIFECYCLE GHG INTENSITY BY PROJECT SIZE	High						kg CO2e/participant	used in the resource's lifecycle. Expected greenhouse gas intensity values will be used in cost-benefit calculations and when determining the expected greenhouse gas reduction of pilot programs and NGA plans.
	Lifecycle GHG Intensity, Size B							
	Low Expected	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	kg CO2e/participant	
	High						kg CO2e/participant	
	Lifecycle GHG Intensity, Size C							
	Low Expected	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	kg CO2e/participant	
High						kg CO2e/participant		
Calculations & Other Explanation:								

OTHER PILOT-SPECIFIC PARAMETERS (formerly 'General Parameters' in CIP Calculator):

PEAK REDUCTION FACTOR	Peak Reduction Factor	1%	The estimated average annual effect of the project on system peak. It is estimated to be 1% for energy efficiency pilots. The method for other innovative resources should be considered in the context of specific utility proposals. Peak Reduction Factor will be used in the Utility Cost and Non Participant Cost tests for the NGA evaluation criteria.					
	Calculations & Other Explanation:							

VARIABLE O&M	Values now linked directly back to planning assumptions tab (possible given the combination of formerly separate Exhibits P and N into a single file)							
	Variable O&M Cost, Applies to all project sizes	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:	The CIP methodology is used for energy efficiency. However, the value for other innovative resources should be considered in the context of specific utility proposals. For example, resources like power-to-hydrogen and RNG may not decrease O&M costs as they also need to be transported to customers on the distribution system. Variable O&M will be used in the Utility Cost and Non Participant Cost tests for the NGA evaluation criteria. Note, to calculate this metric, you can make one cost estimate for year 1 and then use the escalation rate to estimate each remaining year. Annual Escalation Rate calculated using the average percent change in the price of natural gas between 2023 through 2027 to all users in the West North C
		\$ 0.05	\$ 0.04	\$ 0.04	\$ 0.04	\$ 0.04	per Dth	
Calculations & Other Explanation:	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	(for each pilot analysis year)		
	n/a	-5.250%	-5.250%	-5.250%	-5.250%	-5.250%		

NON-GAS FUEL COST	Non-Gas (i.e., Electric) Fuel Cost	\$ 4414	per MWh	The CIP methodology is used for all resources other than strategic electrification. The method for strategic electrification should be considered in the context of specific utility pilot proposals. Equal to the average of daily real-time final market locational marginal prices (LMP) at the Minnesota Hub from January 1 2022 to December 31 2022 using data from Midwest Independent System Operator (MISO)				
	Calculations & Other Explanation:							

NON-GAS FUEL LOSS FACTOR	Non-Gas Fuel Loss Factor	8.22%	The CIP methodology is used for all resources other than strategic electrification. The method for strategic electrification should be considered in the context of specific utility pilot proposals. In the most recent CIP, Staff used the weighted average of the most recent loss factors reported by Minnesota Power, Xcel Energy, and Otter Tail Power's reported 2021 transmission and distribution loss factors and weighting by the utilities' 2017-2019 average retail sales					
	Calculations & Other Explanation:							

OTHER QUANTITATIVE CRITERIA:

OTHER NON-GHG POLLUTANTS	USD Cost Unit:							
	Other Non-GHG Pollutants, Size A	\$ 0.37	per Dth	Generally no change from CIP methodology. The factor is calculated using the final environmental cost values approved by Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (Commission). The factors are reported in 2021 dollars in Table 2 below, which were calculated by inflating the Commission's approved dollar per ton environmental cost values using escalation rate to adjust by observed inflation between 2014 and 2021. Stakeholders expressed a preference for allowing utilities to select different externality values for pilots targeting specific geographies or populations. For example, an energy efficiency project that targets an urban area might use the urban value rather than the metropolitan fringe value. Similarly, a project targeting a low-income population might use a high value rather than the median. Utilities can make deviations such as these in their NGA plans if they can provide justification for the change. Instead of requiring the use of median metropolitan fringe values for all non-GHG pollutants, as shown in Table 1 of the Commission's January 3, 2018 Order in Docket No. E1999/CJ-14-643, utilities may use the value most applicable for the pilot or measure.				
	Other Non-GHG Pollutants, Size B	\$ 0.37	per Dth					
	Other Non-GHG Pollutants, Size C	\$ 0.37	per Dth					
Calculations & Other Explanation:								

NET JOB CREATION	Net Direct Job Creation, Size A	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Total during 5 program years	Remainder of project life	Utilities should consider both jobs created by proposed pilots and jobs that may be eliminated by proposed pilots.
		1	4	4	5	9	21	0 # of jobs	
		3	7	7	9	18	44	0 # of jobs	
	Net Direct Job Creation, Size B	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Total during 5 program years	Remainder of project life	Utilities should consider both jobs created by proposed pilots and jobs that may be eliminated by proposed pilots.
		1	5	5	6	12	31	0 # of jobs	
		0	7	7	9	18	42	0 # of jobs	
	Net Direct Job Creation, Size C	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Total during 5 program years	Remainder of project life	
		1	10	10	14	26	61	0 # of jobs	
		0	0	0	0	0	0	0 # of jobs	
	Net Indirect Job Creation, Size A	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Total during 5 program years	Remainder of project life	Utilities should consider both jobs created by proposed pilots and jobs that may be eliminated by proposed pilots.
0		3	3	3	6	15	0 # of jobs		
1		5	5	6	12	31	0 # of jobs		
Net Indirect Job Creation, Size B	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Total during 5 program years	Remainder of project life		
	0	7	7	9	18	42	0 # of jobs		
	0	0	0	0	0	0	0 # of jobs		
Net Indirect Job Creation, Size C	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Total during 5 program years	Remainder of project life		
	0	2	2	3	7	15	32 # of jobs		
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Calculations & Other Explanation:									
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PUBLIC CO-BENEFITS	Public Co-Benefits, Size A	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:	Quantifiable in some cases. If this metric isn't quantifiable, there is space for any qualitative comments in the Additional Qualitative Considerations section below.
	Public Co-Benefits, Size B	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year	
	Public Co-Benefits, Size C	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year	
		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year	
Calculations & Other Explanation:								

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:	
Water Pollution, Size A	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-	per year
Water Pollution, Size B	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-	per year
Water Pollution, Size C	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-	per year
<u>Calculations & Other Explanation:</u>							

The legislation left the door open to quantify any costs and benefits on water pollution. This might be quantifiable for some of the projects. If this metric isn't quantifiable, there is space for any qualitative comments in the Additional Qualitative Considerations section below.

ADDITIONAL QUALITATIVE CONSIDERATIONS:

NGIA Utility

Perspective Notes:

It is expected that most of the utility perspective costs and benefits will be quantifiable with and should be heavily informed by the structural values and CIP quantification methods.

Definition:

NGIA Participants'

Perspective Notes:

It is expected that many of the elements of the participant perspective, with respect to the direct effect of pilots, will be quantifiable and will rely on the structural values. Add here any information related to some direct effects of pilots on participants that may not be easily quantifiable. For example, increased comfort in a home and health benefits from pilots that improve indoor air quality are two examples of benefits that may be difficult to quantify.

Definition:

May improve thermal comfort

NGIA

Nonparticipating

Customers'

Perspective Notes:

As with the utility perspective, the direct effects of pilot programs on non-participating customers should be quantified in most cases and can be heavily informed by structural values.

Definition:

Effects on Other

Energy Systems

and Energy

Security:

Definition:

NGIA invites the Commission to consider how innovative resources fit into the energy system with a broader perspective than effects on the gas utility and its customers. Measures like strategic electrification specifically require gas utilities and the Commission to avoid negative effects on the electric system. Further, the NGIA empowers the Commission to consider a wide variety of "costs and benefits that may be expected under a plan," one of which is a reduction of reliance on imported resources and national fuel markets.

Promotes strategic electrification

GHG Emissions

Notes:

An innovation plan must include the total lifecycle GHG emissions that the utility projects will be reduced or avoided through implementing the plan. This benefit should be generally quantifiable using the Commission-approved GHG accounting framework and GHG externality values. Note that this row also calls for discussion of any environmental justice effects of the pilot related to GHG emissions, these may not be quantifiable.

Definition:

Other Pollution

Notes:

Include any additional non-GHG environmental costs and benefits. For example, effects on water pollution that may not be quantifiable, or specific air quality benefits to a low income community. Note that this also calls for discussion of any environmental justice effects of the pilot related to non-GHG pollution.

Definition:

Waste Reduction

and Reuse Notes:

Waste reduction, reuse, and anaerobic digestion are goals of the NGIA. Includes reduction of water use.

Definition:

Policy Notes:

NGIA is intended to help the state achieve certain environmental policy goals including geologic gas throughput reduction and increased use of renewable resources.

Definition:

Reduces fossil gas throughput; increases use of renewable energy

Net Job Creation

Notes:

Definition: An innovation plan must include, as applicable, "projected local job impacts resulting from implementation of the plan." Utilities should consider both jobs created by proposed pilots and jobs that may be eliminated by proposed pilots.

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Economic Development Notes:

Definition: The Commission must make a finding that the innovation plan "promotes local economic development." Creation of jobs is a form of economic development, but economic development is broader. For example, pilots that pay workers a living wage or support apprenticeships or training opportunities would provide additional economic benefits.

[Redacted]

Public Co-Benefits Notes:

Definition: There may be public benefits for certain pilots. For example, the NGIA is intended to help support wastewater treatment and organics recycling. This category could also include odor effects on Minnesota communities – either reductions in unpleasant odors or increased odor problems.

[Redacted]

Market Development Notes:

Definition: The NGIA supports the development of new markets or expansion of markets in Minnesota. For example, utilities are required to describe whether proposed plans support the development of alternative agricultural products, as well as the geographic areas of the state where benefits are realized

[Redacted]

Direct Innovation Support Notes:

Definition: This category is intended to answer how the proposed pilot supports the development and increased deployment of innovative resources beyond the direct program impacts. For example, research and development projects, which are permitted under the NGIA,40 are unlikely to produce significant benefits on their own but are intended to lead to future opportunities.

Opportunity to collaborate with ETA program

[Redacted]

Resource Scalability and Role in a Decarbonized System Notes:

Definition: While NGIA pilots may have small impacts in the near-term, stakeholders felt it was important for the Commission to consider the potential importance of each resource in a decarbonized energy system. The NGIA requires the Commission to consider changes to natural gas utility and regulatory policy structures needed to meet or exceed Minnesota's GHG reduction goals. NGIA pilots should provide valuable information to the Commission as it considers the energy future of the state.

Strategic electrification necessary part of net zero strategy

[Redacted]



CNP20 - Small/medium business GHG audit pilot

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March 15th 2024 Update: The assumed portion of audit recipients assumed to install one of the incented measures has been reduced from 3% to 2%, given the expectations for a slower/longer ramp up period to year on the Commercial Carbon Capture (Clean O2) pilot. Updated input cells marked in g

DESCRIPTION	Pilot Project Code:	CNP20	
	Pilot Project Name:	Small/medium business GHG audit pilot	
	Customer Class/ Sector:	C&I	
	Low-Income Community Benefit?	N	
	Target Area:	Territory-wide	
	Primary Innovative Resource Category:	Energy Efficiency	
	Select primary Innovation Category. Others can be listed here:		Strategic electrification, carbon capture
	Pilot Description: CenterPoint Energy proposes to expand its existing Natural Gas Energy Analysis ("NGEA") CIP offering to include identification of non-CIP GHG reducing opportunities for small and medium businesses.		
	Overview of Program/Implementation Approach: This NGEA pilot is envisioned as a supplement to the existing CIP NGEA audit program, so that all small/medium businesses participating in the NGEA also receive additional context related to GHG emissions and reduction opportunities (and businesses do not need to undergo a separate second audit for GHG information). In addition to recognizing "energy leaders"; a portion of NGEA audit recipients are assumed to implement some of the GHG opportunities, and receive an incentive payment from this pilot. If the GHG information and/or recognition offered through this pilot leads to a higher adoption rate of NGEA energy efficiency recommendations by audit recipients, those savings would be captured under CP (not NGEA).		
	Other Comments / Information: Participant levels for pilot size B chosen here align with CIP NGEA audit participation planned for the next Triennial, which averages 240/year (220 in 2024, 240 in 2025, 260 in 2026). Pilot A is slightly smaller, Pilot C slightly higher.		

KEY PILOT-SPECIFIC INPUTS:

NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS	Pilot Year	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5		
	Calendar Year	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028		
	Participating Units, Size A	176	192	208	208	208	Incremental units added, annual (not cumulative).	
	Participating Units, Size B	220	240	260	260	260		
	Participating Units, Size C	264	288	312	312	312		
	Calculations & Other Explanation:	Unit of Participation = Facility receiving GHG Audit						
		This pilot is designed to supplement CenterPoint's existing NGEA audit program with additional GHG context. As such participant levels chosen here align with CIP participation for next Triennial, which averages 240/year (220 in 2024, 240 in 2025, 260 in 2026)						
		Participant levels aligned with CIP participation:						
		220	240	260	260	260		
		In terms of incentives paid out through this pilot the focus is identifying customers that would qualify for incentives from other NGIA pilots, to be directly incented here instead. As such, we are making the high level assumption for now that 3% of audit recipients will want to implement an NGIA pilot, with those evenly split between commercial hybrid heating (pilot 18) and commercial carbon capture (pilot 13). Portion of audit recipients implementing NGIA measure: 2% assume half commercial hybrid heating, half CleanO2 March 15th 2024 Update: The assumed portion of audit recipients assumed to install one of the incented measures has been reduced from 3% to 2%, given the expectations for a slower/longer ramp up period to year on the Commercial Carbon Capture The implication of this is that a number of the cells in this tab reference other tabs (taking an average of the per participant values from pilots #18 and #13). 2 2 2 2 2						

UTILITY PILOT COSTS	Annual Total Utility Incremental Cost, Size A	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:	
		\$ 272,944	\$ 294,318	\$ 315,736	\$ 308,976	\$ 360,582	total cost per year	These incremental utility costs are what will count against the NGIA budget cap for this measure and will be used in the Utility Cost, and Non-Participant Cost tests for the NGIA evaluation criteria. This is the sum of utility admin costs to run pilot, any incentive funding to support project deployment, and/or the utility's annual revenue requirement for capital investments made on select pilots.
	Annual Total Utility Incremental Cost, Size B	\$ 327,680	\$ 354,030	\$ 380,424	\$ 371,584	\$ 423,190	total cost per year	
	Annual Total Utility Incremental Cost, Size C	\$ 382,416	\$ 413,742	\$ 445,112	\$ 434,192	\$ 485,798	total cost per year	
	Fixed O&M Cost, Size A	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:	
		\$ 205,360	\$ 220,590	\$ 235,864	\$ 237,424	\$ 289,030	total cost per year	Fixed O&M Cost is the result of adding up Total Project Delivery, Advertising and Promotions, Utility Administration, Trade Ally Incentives, and Workforce Development of Market Transformation Cost
	Fixed O&M Cost, Size B	\$ 243,200	\$ 261,870	\$ 280,584	\$ 282,144	\$ 333,750	total cost per year	
	Fixed O&M Cost, Size C	\$ 281,040	\$ 303,150	\$ 325,304	\$ 326,864	\$ 378,470	total cost per year	
	Total Project Delivery, Size A	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:	
		\$ 200,360	\$ 215,590	\$ 230,864	\$ 232,424	\$ 284,030	per year	Total internal and external project delivery
	Total Project Delivery, Size B	\$ 238,200	\$ 256,870	\$ 275,584	\$ 277,144	\$ 328,750	per year	
	Total Project Delivery, Size C	\$ 276,040	\$ 298,150	\$ 320,304	\$ 321,864	\$ 373,470	per year	
	Internal Project Delivery, Size A	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:	
		\$ 49,000	\$ 50,470	\$ 51,984	\$ 53,544	\$ 55,150	per year	CNP staff. These costs are sub-set of the Utility Fixed O&M Cost category above.
	Internal Project Delivery, Size B	\$ 49,000	\$ 50,470	\$ 51,984	\$ 53,544	\$ 55,150	per year	
	Internal Project Delivery, Size C	\$ 49,000	\$ 50,470	\$ 51,984	\$ 53,544	\$ 55,150	per year	
	External Project Delivery, Size A	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:	
		\$ 151,360	\$ 165,120	\$ 178,880	\$ 178,880	\$ 228,880	per year	External vendor costs would include direct install costs where CNP reimburses the vendor. These costs are sub-set of the Utility Fixed O&M Cost category above.
	External Project Delivery, Size B	\$ 189,200	\$ 206,400	\$ 223,600	\$ 223,600	\$ 273,600	per year	
	External Project Delivery, Size C	\$ 227,040	\$ 247,680	\$ 268,320	\$ 268,320	\$ 318,320	per year	
	Advertising and Promotions, Size A	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:	
		\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	per year	These costs are sub-set of the Utility Fixed O&M Cost category above.
	Advertising and Promotions, Size B	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	per year	
	Advertising and Promotions, Size C	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	per year	
	Allocation of General Portfolio Costs, Size A	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:	
						per year	Share of portfolio level costs, including plan development costs, regulatory costs, and general portfolio costs	
Allocation of General Portfolio Costs, Size B						per year		
Allocation of General Portfolio Costs, Size C						per year		
Trade Ally Incentives, Size A	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:		
	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year	If applicable, include here the annual amount of trade ally incentives (e.g. midstream program)	
Trade Ally Incentives, Size B	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year		
Trade Ally Incentives, Size C	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year		
Workforce Development or Market Transformation Cost, Size A	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:		
	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year	These costs are sub-set of the Utility Fixed O&M Cost category above.	

AVG. NON-GAS FUEL UNITS/ PART.	Avg. Non-Gas Fuel Units/Part. Saved, Size A	26	kWh/Participant	Units are kWh; could technically be other non-NG. Avg. Non-Gas Fuel Units/Part. Saved will be used in the Participant Cost tests for the NGIA evaluation criteria.
	Avg. Non-Gas Fuel Units/Part. Saved, Size B	26	kWh/Participant	
Avg. Non-Gas Fuel Units/Part. Saved, Size C	26	kWh/Participant		
	Avg. Additional Non-Gas Fuel Units/Part.Used, Size A	116	kWh/Participant	Avg. Additional Non-Gas Fuel Units/Part. Used will be used in the Participant Cost tests for the NGIA evaluation criteria.
	Avg. Additional Non-Gas Fuel Units/Part.Used, Size B	116	kWh/Participant	
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	Calculations & Other Explanation:			

TOTAL ANNUAL Dth SAVED	Total Annual Dth Saved, Size A	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	
	Total Annual Dth Saved, Size B	506	552	598	598	598	Dth
	Total Annual Dth Saved, Size C	632	690	747	747	747	Dth
		758	827	896	896	896	Dth
	Calculations & Other Explanation:	Natural gas energy savings that result from multiplying savings per participant times the total number of new participants in a given year					

GRID MIX SCENARIO	Grid Mix Scenario	NREL	Select one of the listed grid mix scenarios taking into account that: *Utilities shall use electric-utility-specific generation mix information for the renewable natural gas facility when it is reasonably available. When electric utility-specific information is not available, the filing gas utility will use a state-specific generation mix taken from
	Calculations & Other Explanation:		

This section does not apply to all pilot types. The GHG changes from decreased natural gas and/or electricity consumption will be calculated based on values above. However, for pilots where NGIA requires lifecycle GHG savings (e.g. RNG, hydrogen, carbon capture) this section accounts for the lifecycle change in GHG emissions (per unit of participation).

LIFECYCLE GHG INTENSITY BY PROJECT SIZE	Lifecycle GHG Intensity, Size A	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	
	Low						kg CO2e/participant
	Expected	26.6	26.6	26.6	26.6	26.6	kg CO2e/participant
	High						kg CO2e/participant
	Lifecycle GHG Intensity, Size B	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	
	Low						kg CO2e/participant
	Expected	26.6	26.6	26.6	26.6	26.6	kg CO2e/participant
	High						kg CO2e/participant
	Lifecycle GHG Intensity, Size C	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	
	Low						kg CO2e/participant
	Expected	26.6	26.6	26.6	26.6	26.6	kg CO2e/participant
	High						kg CO2e/participant
	Calculations & Other Explanation:	Using this calculation structure is optional; if modifications are needed please use the hidden rows or raise with project leads.					
		GHG Intensity					
		Size A	Size B	Size C			
		kg CO2e/Dth					
	Low Scenario						
	Expected Scenario						
	High Scenario						

OTHER PILOT-SPECIFIC PARAMETERS (formerly 'General Parameters' in CIP Calculator):

PEAK REDUCTION FACTOR	Peak Reduction Factor	1%	The estimated average annual effect of the project on system peak. It is estimated to be 1% for energy efficiency pilots. The method for other innovative resources should be considered in the context of specific utility proposals. Peak Reduction Factor will be used in the Utility Cost and Non Participant Cost tests for the NGIA evaluation criteria.
	Calculations & Other Explanation:		

VARIABLE O&M	Variable O&M Cost, Applies to all project sizes	Values now linked directly back to planning assumptions tab (possible given the combination of formerly separate Exhibits P and N into a single file)					USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:
		Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	per Dth
		\$ 0.05	\$ 0.04	\$ 0.04	\$ 0.04	\$ 0.04	
	Calculations & Other Explanation:	The CIP methodology is used for energy efficiency. However, the value for other innovative resources should be considered in the context of specific utility proposals. For example, resources like power-to-hydrogen and RNG may not decrease O&M costs as they also need to be transported to customers on the distribution system. Variable O&M will be used in the Utility Cost and Non Participant Cost tests for the NGIA evaluation criteria.					
	Escalation rate	n/a	-5.250%	-5.250%	-5.250%	-5.250%	(for each pilot analysis year)

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ADDITIONAL QUALITATIVE CONSIDERATIONS:

NGIA Utility Perspective Notes:	<p><i>It is expected that most of the utility perspective costs and benefits will be quantifiable with and should be heavily informed by the structural values and CIP quantification methods.</i></p>
Definition:	

NGIA Participants
Perspective Notes:
Definition: *It is expected that many of the elements of the participant perspective, with respect to the direct effect of pilots, will be quantifiable and will rely on the structural values. Add here any information related to some direct effects of pilots on participants that may not be easily quantifiable. For example, increased comfort in a home and health benefits from pilots that improve indoor air quality are two examples of benefits that may be difficult to quantify.*
May assist MN businesses in achieving GHG goals

NGIA Nonparticipating Customers
Perspective Notes:
Definition: *As with the utility perspective, the direct effects of pilot programs on non-participating customers should be quantified in most cases and can be heavily informed by structural values.*

Effects on Other Energy Systems and Energy Security
Definition: *NGIA invites the Commission to consider how innovative resources fit into the energy system with a broader perspective than effects on the gas utility and its customers. Measures like strategic electrification specifically require gas utilities and the Commission to avoid negative effects on the electric system. Further, the NGIA empowers the Commission to consider a wide variety of "costs and benefits that may be expected under a plan" one of which is a reduction of reliance on imported resources and national fuel markets.*
Reduces overall energy consumption

GHG Emissions
Notes:
Definition: *An innovation plan must include the total lifecycle GHG emissions that the utility projects will be reduced or avoided through implementing the plan. This benefit should be generally quantifiable using the Commission-approved GHG accounting framework and GHG externality values. Note that this row also calls for discussion of any environmental justice effects of the pilot related to GHG emissions, these may not be quantifiable.*

Other Pollution
Notes:
Definition: *Include any additional non-GHG environmental costs and benefits. For example, effects on water pollution that may not be quantifiable, or specific air quality benefits to a low income community. Note that this also calls for discussion of any environmental justice effects of the pilot related to non-GHG pollution.*

Waste Reduction and Reuse Notes:
Definition: *Waste reduction, reuse, and anaerobic digestion are goals of the NGIA. Includes reduction of water use.*

Policy Notes:
Definition: *NGIA is intended to help the state achieve certain environmental policy goals including geologic gas throughput reduction and increased use of renewable resources.*
Reduces fossil gas throughput

Net Job Creation
Notes:
Definition: *An innovation plan must include, as applicable, "projected local job impacts resulting from implementation of the plan." Utilities should consider both jobs created by proposed pilots and jobs that may be eliminated by proposed pilots.*

Economic Development
Notes:
Definition: *The Commission must make a finding that the innovation plan "promotes local economic development." Creation of jobs is a form of economic development, but economic development is broader. For example, pilots that pay workers a living wage or support apprenticeships or training opportunities would provide additional economic benefits.*

Public Co-Benefits
Notes:
Definition: *There may be public benefits for certain pilots. For example, the NGIA is intended to help support wastewater treatment and organics recycling. This category could also include odor effects on Minnesota communities – either reductions in unpleasant odors or increased odor problems.*

Market

Development

Notes:

Definition:

The NGIA supports the development of new markets or expansion of markets in Minnesota. For example, utilities are required to describe whether proposed plans support the development of alternative agricultural products, as well as the geographic areas of the state where benefits are realized
May help MN businesses appeal to customers interested in sustainability

Direct Innovation

Support Notes:

Definition:

This category is intended to answer how the proposed pilot supports the development and increased deployment of innovative resources beyond the direct program impacts. For example, research and development projects, which are permitted under the NGIA,40 are unlikely to produce significant benefits on their own but are intended to lead to future opportunities.

Opportunity for customers to learn about novel options for reducing GHGs from their systems

Resource

Scalability and Role

in a Decarbonized

System Notes:

Definition:

While NGIA pilots may have small impacts in the near-term, stakeholders felt it was important for the Commission to consider the potential importance of each resource in a decarbonized energy system. The NGIA requires the Commission to consider changes to natural gas utility and regulatory policy structures needed to meet or exceed Minnesota's GHG reduction goals. NGIA pilots should provide valuable information to the Commission as it considers the energy future of the state.



DESCRIPTION	Pilot Project Code:	CNP21	
	Pilot Project Name:	Residential Gas Heat Pump	
	Customer Class/ Sector:	Residential	
	Low-Income Community Benefit?	N	
	Target Area:	Territory-wide	
	Primary Innovative Resource Category:	Energy Efficiency	
	<i>Select primary Innovation Category. Others can be listed here:</i>		
	Pilot Description:		
	CenterPoint Energy proposes to fund the deployment and testing of 'combi' space and water heating gas heat pump systems in Minnesota homes to evaluate the technology's performance.		
	Overview of Program/ Implementation Approach:		
For the different pilot sizes envisioned here, CenterPoint would fund the deployment and testing of between 6 and 20 'combi' space and water heating gas heat pump systems in Minnesota homes, to evaluate the technology's performance. An initial phase would include market research and analysis to prioritize which gas heat pump units should be included in the field testing. Outreach would be conducted to recruit CenterPoint customers to participate in the pilot, and contractors would be engaged to train them to install and maintain the heat pumps, with support from equipment manufacturers. The installations would be metered and trial data analyzed to develop reporting metrics that would better inform the opportunity for gas heat pumps to be part of future CIP or NGIA programs.			
Other Comments / Information:			
A minimum of 10 participants (size B) would be ideal to develop more robust performance data.			

KEY PILOT-SPECIFIC INPUTS:

NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS	Pilot Year					
	Calendar Year					
	Participating Units, Size A	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028
	Participating Units, Size B	0	3	3	0	0
	Participating Units, Size C	0	5	5	0	0
	Participating Units, Size D	0	10	10	0	0
	<i>Incremental units added, annual (not cumulative).</i>					
	Calculations & Other Explanation:	Unit of Participation = Gas Heat Pumps Installed				

ANNUAL COSTS	Annual Total Utility Incremental Cost, Size A	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:	
		\$ 19,800	\$ 127,594	\$ 127,897	\$ 60,709	\$ 11,030	total cost per year	<i>These incremental utility costs are what will count against the NGIA budget cap for this measure and will be used in the Utility Cost, and Non Participant Cost tests for the NGIA evaluation criteria. This is the sum of utility admin costs to run pilot, any incentive funding to support project deployment, and/or the utility's annual revenue requirement for capital investments made on select pilots.</i>
	Annual Total Utility Incremental Cost, Size B	\$ 36,000	\$ 214,130	\$ 214,779	\$ 72,947	\$ 23,636	total cost per year	
	Annual Total Utility Incremental Cost, Size C	\$ 41,000	\$ 394,130	\$ 394,779	\$ 72,947	\$ 23,636	total cost per year	
	Fixed O&M Cost, Size A	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:	
		\$ 19,800	\$ 127,594	\$ 127,897	\$ 60,709	\$ 11,030	total cost per year	<i>Fixed O&M Cost is the result of adding up Total Project Delivery, Advertising and Promotions, Utility Administration, Trade Ally Incentives, and Workforce Development of Market Transformation Cost</i>
	Fixed O&M Cost, Size B	\$ 36,000	\$ 214,130	\$ 214,779	\$ 72,947	\$ 23,636	total cost per year	
	Fixed O&M Cost, Size C	\$ 41,000	\$ 394,130	\$ 394,779	\$ 72,947	\$ 23,636	total cost per year	
	Total Project Delivery, Size A	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:	
		\$ 19,800	\$ 125,094	\$ 125,397	\$ 60,709	\$ 11,030	per year	<i>Total internal and external project delivery</i>
Total Project Delivery, Size B	\$ 36,000	\$ 211,630	\$ 212,279	\$ 72,947	\$ 23,636	per year		
Total Project Delivery, Size C	\$ 41,000	\$ 391,630	\$ 392,279	\$ 72,947	\$ 23,636	per year		
Internal Project Delivery, Size A	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:		
	\$ 9,800	\$ 10,094	\$ 10,397	\$ 10,709	\$ 11,030	per year	<i>CNP staff. These costs are sub-set of the Utility 'Fixed O&M Cost' category above.</i>	
Internal Project Delivery, Size B	\$ 21,000	\$ 21,630	\$ 22,279	\$ 22,947	\$ 23,636	per year		
Internal Project Delivery, Size C	\$ 21,000	\$ 21,630	\$ 22,279	\$ 22,947	\$ 23,636	per year		
External Project Delivery, Size A	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:		
	\$ 10,000	\$ 115,000	\$ 115,000	\$ 50,000	\$ -	per year	<i>External vendor costs would include direct install costs where CNP reimburses the vendor. These costs are sub-set of the Utility 'Fixed O&M Cost' category above.</i>	
External Project Delivery, Size B	\$ 15,000	\$ 190,000	\$ 190,000	\$ 50,000	\$ -	per year		
External Project Delivery, Size C	\$ 20,000	\$ 370,000	\$ 370,000	\$ 50,000	\$ -	per year		
Advertising and Promotions, Size A	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:		
	\$ -	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500	\$ -	\$ -	per year	<i>These costs are sub-set of the Utility 'Fixed O&M Cost' category above.</i>	
Advertising and Promotions, Size B	\$ -	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500	\$ -	\$ -	per year		
Advertising and Promotions, Size C	\$ -	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500	\$ -	\$ -	per year		
Year 1 Year 2 Year 3 Year 4 Year 5 USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:								

UTILITY PILOT COSTS

Allocation of General Portfolio Costs, Size A
 Allocation of General Portfolio Costs, Size B
 Allocation of General Portfolio Costs, Size C

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:
						per year
						per year
						per year

Share of portfolio level costs, including plan development costs, regulatory costs, and general portfolio costs

Trade Ally Incentives, Size A
 Trade Ally Incentives, Size B
 Trade Ally Incentives, Size C

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:
\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	per year
\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	per year
\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	per year

If applicable, include here the annual amount of trade ally incentives (e.g. midstream program)

Workforce Development or Market Transformation Cost, Size A
 Workforce Development or Market Transformation Cost, Size B
 Workforce Development or Market Transformation Cost, Size C

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:
\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	per year
\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	per year
\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	per year

These costs are sub-set of the Utility "Fixed O&M Cost" category above

Other Fixed O&M Cost, Size A
 Other Fixed O&M Cost, Size B
 Other Fixed O&M Cost, Size C

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:
\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	per year
\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	per year
\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	per year

These costs are sub-set of the Utility "Fixed O&M Cost" category above

Total utility capital investment, Size A
 Total utility capital investment, Size B
 Total utility capital investment, Size C

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:
\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	per year
\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	per year
\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	per year

This tracks expectations for when this pilot would require capital investments from the utility, if applicable. This will not directly feed into the incremental costs for NGA, but instead will be used to estimate the timing and level of annual revenue requirement resulting from these capital investments (shown below).

Est. Annual Revenue Requirement for Capital Projects, Size A
 Est. Annual Revenue Requirement for Capital Projects, Size B
 Est. Annual Revenue Requirement for Capital Projects, Size C

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:
\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	per year
\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	per year
\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	per year

For capital projects, the incremental cost impact on the NGA budget is the annual revenue requirement (return of and on capital additions), as well as the utility "Fixed O&M Costs" captured above. This revenue requirement is calculated from the magnitude & timing of capital investment captured above, based on expected measure life (and depreciation time period), as well as the utility's return on investment.

Est. Total Revenue Requirement for Capital Projects, Size A
 Est. Total Revenue Requirement for Capital Projects, Size B
 Est. Total Revenue Requirement for Capital Projects, Size C

Total	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:
\$	- per year
\$	- per year
\$	- per year

The total revenue requirement is calculated from the magnitude & timing of total capital investment captured above, based on expected measure life (and depreciation time period), as well as the utility's return on investment. This cost is noted here for reference, it's not used to calculate any of the NGA evaluation criteria.

Incentives, Size A
 Incentives, Size B
 Incentives, Size C

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:
\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	per year
\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	per year
\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	per year

This tracks total incentives paid directly to customers (customer rebates like money, gift cards or other fungible payments, etc). Do not include here cost of customer benefits delivered directly to the customer by a program vendor (paying for the cost of energy/GHG audits or direct install measures), or making a capital investment in a customer's project where the customer doesn't hold equipment ownership. Incentives will be used in the Participant Cost tests for the NGA evaluation criteria.

Incentives per Participant, Size A
 Incentives per Participant, Size B
 Incentives per Participant, Size C

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:
\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	per participant per year
\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	per participant per year
\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	per participant per year

Incentives per participant is a function of total incentives paid directly to customers.

Calculations & Other Explanation:

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5
Project Mgmt - Size A	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ -	\$ -
Project Mgmt - Size B	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000	\$ -	\$ -
Project Mgmt - Size C	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000	\$ -	\$ -
Equipment Installation - Size A	\$ -	\$ 90,000	\$ 90,000	\$ -	\$ -
Equipment Installation - Size B	\$ -	\$ 150,000	\$ 150,000	\$ -	\$ -
Equipment Installation - Size C	\$ -	\$ 300,000	\$ 300,000	\$ -	\$ -
M&V data collection - Size A	\$ -	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000	\$ -	\$ -
M&V data collection - Size B	\$ -	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	\$ -	\$ -
M&V data collection - Size C	\$ -	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	\$ -	\$ -
Analysis and Reporting (All Sizes)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 50,000	\$ -

TOTAL AND DIRECT PARTICIPANT PILOT COSTS

Total Pilot Upfront Costs, Size A
 Total Pilot Upfront Costs, Size B
 Total Pilot Upfront Costs, Size C

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:
\$	30,000	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000	per participant
\$	30,000	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000	per participant
\$	30,000	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000	per participant

This represents the total equipment and installation costs for technologies implemented as part of this pilot (specifically non-utility capital projects that were captured separately above). This cost does not account for what portion of costs may be covered by utility incentives, nor include utility program admin costs.

Third Party Funding, Size A
 Third Party Funding, Size B
 Third Party Funding, Size C
 Description of source of external funding:
 IRA, etc

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:
\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	per participant
\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	per participant
\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	per participant

If there are expectations for external funding sources (e.g. IRA, etc) account for those values here. This funding is noted here for reference, it's not used to calculate any of the NGA evaluation criteria.

Direct Participant Pilot Costs, Size A
 Direct Participant Pilot Costs, Size B
 Direct Participant Pilot Costs, Size C

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:
\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	per participant
\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	per participant
\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	per participant

This represents the upfront costs to participants who participate in this pilot. This is a calculated value, where utility incentives are subtracted from the total upfront project costs. Direct Participant Pilot costs will be used in the Participant Cost tests for the NGA evaluation criteria. Note that some pilots taking a "Direct Install" approach may see the utility covering all costs, with no upfront financial contribution from the participant.

Calculations & Other Explanation:

Escalation rate	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5
	3.82%	3.82%	3.82%	3.82%	3.82%

(for each pilot analysis year)

For an escalation rate, we use the average of the 12-month percentage change in the "all items" consumer price index available from the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics, as reported in December for each of the last five years. Using the most recently available data.

Cost per installation (including space and water heating): \$30,000

PARTICIPANT NON-ENERGY COSTS

Participant Non-Energy Costs, Size A
 Participant Non-Energy Costs, Size B
 Participant Non-Energy Costs, Size C

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:
\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	per participant per year of pilot life
\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	per participant per year of pilot life
\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	per participant per year of pilot life

This includes any increased in costs like equipment operating costs or increased water costs. Participant Non-Energy Costs will be used in the Participant Cost tests for the NGA evaluation criteria.

Calculations & Other Explanation:

Escalation rate	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5
	3.82%	3.82%	3.82%	3.82%	3.82%

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PARTICIPANT NON-ENERGY SAVINGS	Participant Non-Energy Savings, Size A Participant Non-Energy Savings, Size B Participant Non-Energy Savings, Size C Calculations & Other Explanation:	Year 1 \$ - \$ - \$ -	Year 2 \$ - \$ - \$ -	Year 3 \$ - \$ - \$ -	Year 4 \$ - \$ - \$ -	Year 5 \$ - \$ - \$ - USD (Nominal) Cost Unit: per participant per year of pilot life per participant per year of pilot life per participant per year of pilot life This includes any operating savings like water savings.
PILOT LIFE	Average Lifetime for Savings/Pilot Tech, Size A Average Lifetime for Savings/Pilot Tech, Size B Average Lifetime for Savings/Pilot Tech, Size C Calculations & Other Explanation:	15 years 15 years 15 years				
NATURAL GAS ENERGY SAVINGS: AVG. Dth/ PARTICIPANT SAVED	Avg. Dth/Participant Saved, Size A Avg. Dth/Participant Saved, Size B Avg. Dth/Participant Saved, Size C Calculations & Other Explanation: RFI respondent provided estimate for expected annual gas savings of 650-925 therms per dwelling (65-92.5 Dth). This might be possible with larger homes, but to be more conservative we used the efficiency levels provided to calculate potential savings for more of an average CenterPoint residential customer. Actual savings will depend on factors such as the baseline equipment in place, size of home / heating load, final gas heat pump technologies selected for the pilot. Thermal Heat Pumps (THPs) can replace residential furnaces and water heaters and are expected to achieve over 1.3 system COP in laboratory conditions, with modelling showing potential for GAHP Combi Nat Gas savings of 36-43% compared to a condensing furnace, and 46-50% compared to non-condensing furnace. Estimated Gas Heat Pump Efficiency (Combi Space & Water Heating Unit): 138% % Estimated Efficiency of Baseline Gas Equipment (weighted avg. for space and water): 78% % Assumed Baseline Water Heating Gas Consumption: 15 Dth/year Assumed Baseline Space Heating Gas Consumption: 75 Dth/year Percent Savings: -43.8% % Gas Heat Pump Savings: 39.5 Dth/year (per residential home) Source: RFI respondent, based on laboratory testing of the gas heat pumps to ANSI Z240.4 standard resulting in seasonal Annual Fuel Utilization Efficiency (AFUE) of 138% for cold climates. Weighted average, assuming baseline space heating equipment has 80% efficiency and baseline water heating equipment is 65% efficient	39.5 Dth/Participant 39.5 Dth/Participant 39.5 Dth/Participant				
AVG. NON-GAS FUEL UNITS/ PART.	Avg. Non-Gas Fuel Units/Part. Saved, Size A Avg. Non-Gas Fuel Units/Part. Saved, Size B Avg. Non-Gas Fuel Units/Part. Saved, Size C Avg. Additional Non-Gas Fuel Units/Part.Used, Size A Avg. Additional Non-Gas Fuel Units/Part.Used, Size B Avg. Additional Non-Gas Fuel Units/Part.Used, Size C Calculations & Other Explanation:	0.00 kWh/Participant 0.00 kWh/Participant 0.00 kWh/Participant 0.00 kWh/Participant 0.00 kWh/Participant 0.00 kWh/Participant	Units are kWh; could technically be other non-NG. Avg. Non-Gas Fuel Units/Part. Saved will be used in the Participant Cost tests for the NGIA evaluation criteria. Avg. Additional Non-Gas Fuel Units/Part. Used will be used in the Participant Cost tests for the NGIA evaluation criteria.			
TOTAL ANNUAL Dth SAVED	Total Annual Dth Saved, Size A Total Annual Dth Saved, Size B Total Annual Dth Saved, Size C Calculations & Other Explanation:	Year 1 0.00 0.00 0.00	Year 2 118.37 197.28 394.57	Year 3 118.37 197.28 394.57	Year 4 0.00 0.00 0.00	Year 5 0.00 0.00 0.00 Natural gas energy savings that result from multiplying savings per participant times the total number of new participants in a given year
GRID MIX SCENARIO	Grid Mix Scenario Calculations & Other Explanation:	No Electricity Impact	Select one of the listed grid mix scenarios taking into account that: Utilities shall use electric-utility-specific generation mix information for the renewable natural gas facility when it is reasonably available. When electric utility-specific information is not available, the filing gas utility will use a state-specific generation mix taken from National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL) Standard Scenario. If the scenario selected as a public utility is a higher penetration of nuclear, gas, or wind, this is available to select from that electricity utility's data for its respective jurisdiction.			
This section does not apply to all pilot types. The GHG changes from decreased natural gas and/or electricity consumption will be calculated based on values above. However, for pilots where NGIA requires lifecycle GHG savings (e.g. RNG, hydrogen, carbon capture) this section accounts for the lifecycle change in GHG emissions (per unit of participation).						
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<u>Calculations & Other Explanation:</u>							
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	<u>Calculations & Other Explanation:</u>		

OTHER QUANTITATIVE CRITERIA:

OTHER NON-GHG POLLUTANTS	USD Cost Unit:		
	Other Non-GHG Pollutants, Size A	\$ 0.37	per Dth
	Other Non-GHG Pollutants, Size B	\$ 0.37	per Dth
	Other Non-GHG Pollutants, Size C	\$ 0.37	per Dth
<u>Calculations & Other Explanation:</u>			

Generally no change from CIP methodology. The factor is calculated using the final environmental cost values approved by Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (Commission). The factors are reported in 2021 dollars in Table 2 below, which were calculated by inflating the Commission's approved dollar per ton environmental cost values using escalation rate to adjust by observed inflation between 2014 and 2021. Stakeholders expressed a preference for allowing utilities to select different externality values for pilots targeting specific geographies or populations. For example, an energy efficiency project that targets an urban area might use the urban value rather than the metropolitan fringe value. Similarly, a project targeting a low-income population might use a high value rather than the median. Utilities can make deviations such as these in their NGIA plans if they can provide justification for the change. Instead of requiring the use of median metropolitan fringe values for all non-GHG pollutants, as shown in Table 1 of the Commission's January 3, 2018 Order in Docket No. E0999/C1-14-643, utilities may use the value most applicable for the pilot or measure.

NET JOB CREATION	Net Direct Job Creation, Size A	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Total during 5 program years	Remainder of project life	
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	Net Direct Job Creation, Size B	0	2	2	0	0	4	0	# of jobs
		0	0	0	0	0	1	0	# of jobs
		0	0	0	0	0	1	0	# of jobs
	Net Direct Job Creation, Size C	0	1	1	0	0	2	0	# of jobs
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	Net Indirect Job Creation, Size A	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Total during 5 program years	Remainder of project life	
		0	0	0	0	0	0	1	# of jobs
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Net Indirect Job Creation, Size C	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Total during 5 program years	Remainder of project life		
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Net Induced Job Creation, Size A	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	# of jobs	
	0	1	1	0	0	2	0	# of jobs	
	0	1	1	0	0	2	0	# of jobs	
<u>Calculations & Other Explanation:</u>									
Job numbers are estimated as Full Time Equivalents (FTE) and are rounded off.									

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PUBLIC CO-BENEFITS	Public Co-Benefits, Size A	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:	
		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year	
	Public Co-Benefits, Size B	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year	
	Public Co-Benefits, Size C	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year	
<u>Calculations & Other Explanation:</u>								

Quantifiable in some cases. If this metric isn't quantifiable, there is space for any qualitative comments in the Additional Qualitative Considerations section below.

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:
Water Pollution, Size A	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year
Water Pollution, Size B	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year
Water Pollution, Size C	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year

Calculations & Other Explanation:

The legislation left the door open to quantify any costs and benefits on water pollution. This might be quantifiable for some of the projects. If this metric isn't quantifiable, there is space for any qualitative comments in the Additional Qualitative Considerations section below.

ADDITIONAL QUALITATIVE CONSIDERATIONS:

NGIA Utility Perspective Notes:
 Definition: It is expected that most of the utility perspective costs and benefits will be quantifiable with and should be heavily informed by the structural values and CIP quantification methods.

NGIA Participants' Perspective Notes:
 Definition: It is expected that many of the elements of the participant perspective, with respect to the direct effect of pilots, will be quantifiable and will rely on the structural values. Add here any information related to some direct effects of pilots on participants that may not be easily quantifiable. For example, increased comfort in a home and health benefits from pilots that improve indoor air quality are two examples of benefits that may be difficult to quantify.

NGIA Nonparticipating Customers' Perspective Notes:
 Definition: As with the utility perspective, the direct effects of pilot programs on non-participating customers should be quantified in most cases and can be heavily informed by structural values.

Effects on Other Energy Systems and Energy Security:
 Definition: NGIA invites the Commission to consider how innovative resources fit into the energy system with a broader perspective than effects on the gas utility and its customers. Measures like strategic electrification specifically require gas utilities and the Commission to avoid negative effects on the electric system. Further, the NGIA empowers the Commission to consider a wide variety of "costs and benefits that may be expected under a plan," one of which is a reduction of reliance on imported resources and national fuel markets.
 Reduces fossil gas throughput; may reduce electric build out needs

GHG Emissions Notes:
 Definition: An innovation plan must include the total lifecycle GHG emissions that the utility projects will be reduced or avoided through implementing the plan. This benefit should be generally quantifiable using the Commission-approved GHG accounting framework and GHG externality values. Note that this row also calls for discussion of any environmental justice effects of the pilot related to GHG emissions, these may not be quantifiable.
 Use refrigerants with lower global warming potential

Other Pollution Notes:
 Definition: Include any additional non-GHG environmental costs and benefits. For example, effects on water pollution that may not be quantifiable, or specific air quality benefits to a low income community. Note that this also calls for discussion of any environmental justice effects of the pilot related to non-GHG pollution.

Waste Reduction and Reuse Notes:
 Definition: Waste reduction, reuse and anaerobic digestion are goals of the NGIA. Includes reduction of water use.

Policy Notes:
 Definition: NGIA is intended to help the state achieve certain environmental policy goals including geologic gas throughput reduction and increased use of renewable resources.
 Reduces fossil gas throughput

Net Job Creation Notes:

Definition: An innovation plan must include, as applicable, "projected local job impacts resulting from implementation of the plan." Utilities should consider both jobs created by proposed pilots and jobs that may be eliminated by proposed pilots.

Economic Development Notes:

Definition: The Commission must make a finding that the innovation plan "promotes local economic development." Creation of jobs is a form of economic development, but economic development is broader. For example, pilots that pay workers a living wage or support apprenticeships or training opportunities would provide additional economic benefits.

Public Co-Benefits Notes:

Definition: There may be public benefits for certain pilots. For example, the NGIA is intended to help support wastewater treatment and organics recycling. This category could also include odor effects on Minnesota communities – either reductions in unpleasant odors or increased odor problems.

Market Development Notes:

Definition: The NGIA supports the development of new markets or expansion of markets in Minnesota. For example, utilities are required to describe whether proposed plans support the development of alternative agricultural products, as well as the geographic areas of the state where benefits are realized

Direct Innovation Support Notes:

Definition: This category is intended to answer how the proposed pilot supports the development and increased deployment of innovative resources beyond the direct program impacts. For example, research and development projects, which are permitted under the NGIA,40 are unlikely to produce significant benefits on their own but are intended to lead to future opportunities.

Opportunity to collaborate with ETA program

Resource Scalability and Role in a Decarbonized System Notes:

Definition: While NGIA pilots may have small impacts in the near-term, stakeholders felt it was important for the Commission to consider the potential importance of each resource in a decarbonized energy system. The NGIA requires the Commission to consider changes to natural gas utility and regulatory policy structures needed to meet or exceed Minnesota's GHG reduction goals. NGIA pilots should provide valuable information to the Commission as it considers the energy future of the state.

	Total utility capital investment, Size A	\$	Year 1	-	\$	Year 2	-	\$	Year 3	-	\$	Year 4	-	\$	Year 5	-	per year	This tracks expectations for when this pilot would require capital investments from the utility, if applicable. This will not directly feed into the incremental costs for NGIA, but instead will be used to estimate the timing and level of annual revenue requirement resulting from these capital investments (shown below).	
	Total utility capital investment, Size B	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	per year			
	Total utility capital investment, Size C	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	per year			
	Est. Annual Revenue Requirement for Capital Projects, Size A	\$	Year 1	-	\$	Year 2	-	\$	Year 3	-	\$	Year 4	-	\$	Year 5	-	per year	For capital projects, the incremental cost impact on the NGIA budget is the annual revenue requirement (return of and on capital additions), as well as the utility "Fixed O&M Costs" captured above. This revenue requirement is calculated from the magnitude & timing of capital investment captured above, based on expected measure life (and depreciation time period), as well as the utility's return on investment.	
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	Est. Total Revenue Requirement for Capital Projects, Size A	\$	Total	-	\$	Total	-	\$	Total	-	\$	Total	-	\$	Total	-	per year	The total revenue requirement is calculated from the magnitude & timing of total capital investment captured above, based on expected measure life (and depreciation time period), as well as the utility's return on investment. This cost is noted here for reference, it's not used to calculate any of the NGIA evaluation criteria.	
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	Est. Total Revenue Requirement for Capital Projects, Size C	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	per year			
	Incentives, Size A	\$	Year 1	-	\$	Year 2	-	\$	Year 3	-	\$	Year 4	-	\$	Year 5	-	per year	This tracks total incentives paid directly to customers (customer rebates like money, gift cards or other fungible payments, etc). Do not include here cost of customer benefits delivered directly to the customer by a program vendor (paying for the cost of energy/GHG audits or direct install measures), or making a capital investment in a customer's project where the customer doesn't hold equipment ownership. Incentives will be used in the Participant Cost tests for the NGIA evaluation criteria.	
Incentives, Size B	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	per year				
Incentives, Size C	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	per year				
Incentives per Participant, Size A	#DIV/0!	Year 1	\$	-	#DIV/0!	Year 2	\$	-	#DIV/0!	Year 3	\$	-	#DIV/0!	Year 4	\$	-	per participant per year	Incentives per participant is a function of total incentives paid directly to customers.	
Incentives per Participant, Size B	#DIV/0!	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	per participant per year			
Incentives per Participant, Size C	#DIV/0!	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	per participant per year			
Calculations & Other Explanation:	Equipment and installation costs (for 3 participants, assume this scales linearly for larger pilots): \$350,000 \$ Site selection, pilot data collection and monitoring, analysis (for 3 participants): \$262,500 \$ Site selection, pilot data collection and monitoring, analysis (for 6 participants): \$400,000 \$ Site selection, pilot data collection and monitoring, analysis (for 9 participants): \$600,000 \$																		
TOTAL AND DIRECT PARTICIPANT PILOT COSTS	Total Pilot Upfront Costs, Size A	\$	Year 1	116,667	\$	Year 2	116,667	\$	Year 3	116,667	\$	Year 4	116,667	\$	Year 5	116,667	per participant	This represents the total equipment and installation costs for technologies implemented as part of this pilot (specifically non-utility capital projects that were captured separately above). This cost does not account for what portion of costs may be covered by utility incentives, nor include utility program admin costs.	
	Total Pilot Upfront Costs, Size B	\$	116,667	\$	116,667	\$	116,667	\$	116,667	\$	116,667	\$	116,667	\$	116,667	per participant			
	Total Pilot Upfront Costs, Size C	\$	116,667	\$	116,667	\$	116,667	\$	116,667	\$	116,667	\$	116,667	\$	116,667	per participant			
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	Third Party Funding, Size B	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	per participant			
	Third Party Funding, Size C	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	per participant			
	Description of source of external funding:	IRA, etc																	
	Direct Participant Pilot Costs, Size A	\$	Year 1	-	\$	Year 2	-	\$	Year 3	-	\$	Year 4	-	\$	Year 5	-	per participant	This represents the upfront costs to participants who participate in this pilot. This is a calculated value, where utility incentives are subtracted from the total upfront project costs. Direct Participant Pilot costs will be used in the Participant Cost tests for the NGIA evaluation criteria. Note 1 some pilots taking a "Direct Install" approach may see the utility covering all costs, with no upfront participant contribution from the utilities.	
	Direct Participant Pilot Costs, Size B	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	per participant			
	Direct Participant Pilot Costs, Size C	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	per participant			
Calculations & Other Explanation:	Escalation rate: Year 1 3.82% Year 2 3.82% Year 3 3.82% Year 4 3.82% Year 5 3.82% (for each pilot analysis year) For an escalation rate, we use the average of the 12-month percentage change in the "all items" consumer price index available from the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics, as reported in December for each of the last five years. Using the most																		
PARTICIPANT NON-ENERGY COSTS	Participant Non-Energy Costs, Size A	\$	Year 1	-	\$	Year 2	-	\$	Year 3	-	\$	Year 4	-	\$	Year 5	-	per participant per year of pilot life	This includes any increased in costs like equipment operating costs or increased water costs. Participant Non-Energy Costs will be used in the Participant Cost tests for the NGIA evaluation criteria.	
	Participant Non-Energy Costs, Size B	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	per participant per year of pilot life			
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	Participant Non-Energy Savings, Size B	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	per participant per year of pilot life			
	Participant Non-Energy Savings, Size C	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	per participant per year of pilot life			
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PILOT LIFE	Average Lifetime for Savings/Pilot Tech, Size A	15 years																	
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NATURAL GAS ENERGY SAVINGS: AVG. Dth/ PARTICIPANT SAVED	Avg. Dth/Participant Saved, Size A	724 Dth/Participant																	
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	Calculations & Other Explanation:	Equivalent Full Load Hours of Heating: 1904 hours/year Gas Heat Pump Unit Capacity: 140,000 Btu/hour Number of Heat Pumps per Building/Participant: 3 Expected Savings: 48% %																	

Estimated Gas Consumption with Gas Heat Pumps: 799.7 Dth/year
 Estimated Gas Consumption Before Gas Heat Pumps: 1,523.2 Dth/year
 Estimated Savings: 723.5 Dth/year

AVG. NON-GAS FUEL UNITS/ PART.	Avg. Non-Gas Fuel Units/Part. Saved, Size A	0.00 kWh/Participant	Units are kWh; could technically be other non-NG. Avg. Non-Gas Fuel Units/Part. Saved will be used in the Participant Cost tests for the NGIA evaluation criteria.
	Avg. Non-Gas Fuel Units/Part. Saved, Size B	0.00 kWh/Participant	
	Avg. Non-Gas Fuel Units/Part. Saved, Size C	0.00 kWh/Participant	
	Avg. Additional Non-Gas Fuel Units/Part.Used, Size A	0.00 kWh/Participant	Avg. Additional Non-Gas Fuel Units/Part. Used will be used in the Participant Cost tests for the NGIA evaluation criteria.
	Avg. Additional Non-Gas Fuel Units/Part.Used, Size B	0.00 kWh/Participant	
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Note: some gas heat pumps can also provide space cooling (this would provide electricity savings, but then would increase gas consumption). The quantification of this pilot is currently based on the assumption that units would not serve space cooling loads, but in the heat pump technology selection and participant recruitment phases it could be determined that some installations provide cooling (to also test such parameters).			
Calculations & Other Explanation:			

TOTAL ANNUAL Dth SAVED		Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	
	Total Annual Dth Saved, Size A	-	2,171	-	-	-	Dth
	Total Annual Dth Saved, Size B	-	2,171	2,171	-	-	Dth
	Total Annual Dth Saved, Size C	-	2,171	4,341	-	-	Dth
Calculations & Other Explanation: Natural gas energy savings that result from multiplying savings per participant times the total number of new participants in a given year							

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	Escalation rate	n/a		-5.250%	-5.250%	-5.250%	-5.250%	(for each pilot analysis year)

NON-GAS FUEL COST	Non-Gas (i.e., Electric) Fuel Cost	\$ 44.14	per MWh	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit: The CIP methodology is used for all resources other than strategic electrification. The method for strategic electrification should be considered in the context of specific utility pilot proposals. equal to the average of daily real-time final market locational marginal prices (LMP) at the Minnesota Hub from January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022 using data from Midwest Independent System Operator (MISO)
	Calculations & Other Explanation:			

NON-GAS FUEL LOSS FACTOR	8.22%	The CIP methodology is used for all resources other than strategic electrification. The method for strategic electrification should be considered in the context of specific utility pilot proposals. In the most recent CIP, Staff used the weighted average of the most recent loss
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factors reported by Minnesota Power, Xcel Energy, and Otter Tail Power's reported 2021 transmission and distribution loss factors and weighting by the utilities' 2017-2019 average retail sales

**NON-GAS FUEL
 LOSS FACTOR**

Calculations & Other Explanation:

OTHER QUANTITATIVE CRITERIA:

**OTHER NON-GHG
 POLLUTANTS**

		USD Cost Unit:		
Other Non-GHG Pollutants, Size A	\$	0.37	per Dth	Generally no charge from CIP methodology. The factor is calculated using the final environmental cost values approved by Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (Commission). The factors are reported in 2021 dollars in Table 2 below, which were calculated by inflating the Commission's approved dollar per ton environmental cost values using escalation rate to adjust by observed inflation between 2014 and 2021. Stakeholders expressed a preference for allowing utilities to select different externality values for pilots targeting specific geographies or populations. For example, an energy efficiency project that targets an urban area might use the urban value rather than the metropolitan fringe value. Similarly, a project targeting a low-income population might use a high value rather than the median. Utilities can make deviations such as these in their NGIA plans if they can provide justification for the charge. Instead of requiring the use of median metropolitan fringe values for all non-GHG pollutants, as shown in Table 1 of the Commission's January 3, 2018 Order in Docket No. E1999/C1-14-643, utilities may use the value most applicable for the pilot or measure.
Other Non-GHG Pollutants, Size B	\$	0.37	per Dth	
Other Non-GHG Pollutants, Size C	\$	0.37	per Dth	

Calculations & Other Explanation:

NET JOB CREATION

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Total during 5 program years	Remainder of project life	
Net Direct Job Creation, Size A	0	2	0	0	0	2	1	# of jobs
Net Direct Job Creation, Size B	1	2	2	0	0	4	1	# of jobs
Net Direct Job Creation, Size C	1	2	3	0	0	6	1	# of jobs
Net Indirect Job Creation, Size A	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	# of jobs
Net Indirect Job Creation, Size B	0	1	1	0	0	3	1	# of jobs
Net Indirect Job Creation, Size C	0	1	2	0	0	4	1	# of jobs
Net Induced Job Creation, Size A	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	# of jobs
Net Induced Job Creation, Size B	0	1	1	0	0	3	1	# of jobs
Net Induced Job Creation, Size A	0	1	2	0	0	4	1	# of jobs

Calculations & Other Explanation:

Job numbers are estimated as Full Time Equivalents (FTE) and are rounded off.

PUBLIC CO-BENEFITS

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:	
Public Co-Benefits, Size A	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year	Quantifiable in some cases. If this metric isn't quantifiable, there is space for any qualitative comments in the Additional Qualitative Considerations section below.
Public Co-Benefits, Size B	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year	
Public Co-Benefits, Size C	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year	

Calculations & Other Explanation:

WATER POLLUTION

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:	
Water Pollution, Size A	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year	The legislation left the door open to quantify any costs and benefits on water pollution. This might be quantifiable for some of the projects. If this metric isn't quantifiable, there is space for any qualitative comments in the Additional Qualitative Considerations section below.
Water Pollution, Size B	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year	
Water Pollution, Size C	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year	

Calculations & Other Explanation:

ADDITIONAL QUALITATIVE CONSIDERATIONS:

NGIA Utility Perspective Notes:
 Definition: It is expected that most of the utility perspective costs and benefits will be quantifiable with and should be heavily informed by the structural values and CIP quantification methods.

NGIA Participants' Perspective Notes:
 Definition: It is expected that many of the elements of the participant perspective, with respect to the direct effect of pilots, will be quantifiable and will rely on the structural values. Add here any information related to some direct effects of pilots on participants that may not be easily quantifiable. For example, increased comfort in a home and health benefits from pilots that improve indoor air quality are two examples of benefits that may be difficult to quantify. May assist MN businesses in achieving GHG goals.

NGIA Nonparticipating Customers Perspective Notes:
 Definition: As with the utility perspective, the direct effects of pilot programs on non-participating customers should be quantified in most cases and can be heavily informed by structural values.

Effects on Other Energy Systems and Energy Security.

Definition:

NGIA invites the Commission to consider how innovative resources fit into the energy system with a broader perspective than effects on the gas utility and its customers. Measures like strategic electrification specifically require gas utilities and the Commission to avoid negative effects on the electric system. Further, the NGIA empowers the Commission to consider a wide variety of "costs and benefits that may be expected under a plan," one of which is a reduction of reliance on imported resources and national fuel markets.

Reduces fossil gas throughput; may reduce electric build out needs

GHG Emissions.

Notes:

Definition: An innovation plan must include the total lifecycle GHG emissions that the utility projects will be reduced or avoided through implementing the plan. This benefit should be generally quantifiable using the Commission-approved GHG accounting framework and GHG externality values. Note that this row also calls for discussion of any environmental justice effects of the pilot related to GHG emissions, these may not be quantifiable.

Use refrigerants with lower global warming potential

Other Pollution

Notes:

Definition:

Include any additional non-GHG environmental costs and benefits. For example, effects on water pollution that may not be quantifiable, or specific air quality benefits to a low income community. Note that this also calls for discussion of any environmental justice effects of the pilot related to non-GHG pollution.

Waste Reduction and Reuse Notes:

Definition:

Waste reduction, reuse, and anaerobic digestion are goals of the NGIA. Includes reduction of water use.

Policy Notes:

Definition:

NGIA is intended to help the state achieve certain environmental policy goals including geologic gas throughput reduction and increased use of renewable resources.

Reduces fossil gas throughput

Net Job Creation

Notes:

Definition:

An innovation plan must include, as applicable, "projected local job impacts resulting from implementation of the plan." Utilities should consider both jobs created by proposed pilots and jobs that may be eliminated by proposed pilots.

Economic Development

Notes:

Definition:

The Commission must make a finding that the innovation plan "promotes local economic development." Creation of jobs is a form of economic development, but economic development is broader. For example, pilots that pay workers a living wage or support apprenticeships or training opportunities would provide additional economic benefits.

Public Co-Benefits

Notes:

Definition:

There may be public benefits for certain pilots. For example, the NGIA is intended to help support wastewater treatment and organics recycling. This category could also include odor effects on Minnesota communities – either reductions in unpleasant odors or increased odor problems.

Market Development

Notes:

Definition:

The NGIA supports the development of new markets or expansion of markets in Minnesota. For example, utilities are required to describe whether proposed plans support the development of alternative agricultural products, as well as the geographic areas of the state where benefits are realized
May help MN businesses appeal to customers interested in sustainability

Direct Innovation Support Notes:

Definition:

This category is intended to answer how the proposed pilot supports the development and increased deployment of innovative resources beyond the direct program impacts. For example, research and development projects, which are permitted under the NGIA-40 are unlikely to produce significant benefits on their own but are intended to lead to future opportunities.

Resource
Scalability and Role
in a Decarbonized
System Notes:
Definition:

While NGIA pilots may have small impacts in the near-term, stakeholders felt it was important for the Commission to consider the potential importance of each resource in a decarbonized energy system. The NGIA requires the Commission to consider changes to natural gas utility and regulatory policy structures needed to meet or exceed Minnesota's GHG reduction goals. NGIA pilots should provide valuable information to the Commission as it considers the energy future of the state.



UTILITY PILOT COSTS

Other Fixed O&M Cost, Size A
 Other Fixed O&M Cost, Size B
 Other Fixed O&M Cost, Size C

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:
\$	-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year
\$	-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year
\$	-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year

These costs are sub-set of the Utility "Fixed O&M Cost" category above.

Total utility capital investment, Size A
 Total utility capital investment, Size B
 Total utility capital investment, Size C

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:
\$	-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year
\$	-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year
\$	-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year

This tracks expectations for when this pilot would require capital investments from the utility, if applicable. This will not directly feed into the incremental costs for NGIA, but instead will be used to estimate the timing and level of annual revenue requirement resulting from these capital investments (shown below).

Est. Annual Revenue Requirement for Capital Projects, Size A
 Est. Annual Revenue Requirement for Capital Projects, Size B
 Est. Annual Revenue Requirement for Capital Projects, Size C

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:
\$	-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year
\$	-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year
\$	-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year

For capital projects, the incremental cost impact on the NGIA budget is the annual revenue requirement (return of and on capital additions), as well as the utility "Fixed O&M Costs" captured above. This revenue requirement is calculated from the magnitude & timing of capital investment captured above, based on expected measure life (and depreciation time period), as well as the utility's return on investment.

Est. Total Revenue Requirement for Capital Projects, Size A
 Est. Total Revenue Requirement for Capital Projects, Size B
 Est. Total Revenue Requirement for Capital Projects, Size C

Total	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:				
\$	-	per year			
\$	-	per year			
\$	-	per year			

The total revenue requirement is calculated from the magnitude & timing of total capital investment captured above, based on expected measure life (and depreciation time period), as well as the utility's return on investment. This cost is noted here for reference, it's not used to calculate any of the NGIA evaluation criteria.

Incentives, Size A
 Incentives, Size B
 Incentives, Size C

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:
\$	29,055	\$ 29,055	\$ 49,055	\$ 49,055	\$ 49,055	per year
\$	43,583	\$ 43,583	\$ 73,583	\$ 73,583	\$ 73,583	per year
\$	72,638	\$ 72,638	\$ 122,638	\$ 122,638	\$ 122,638	per year

This tracks total incentives paid directly to customers (customer rebates like money, gift cards or other fungible payments, etc). Do not include here cost of customer benefits delivered directly to the customer by a program vendor (paying for the cost of energy/GHG audits or direct install measures) or making a capital investment in a customer's project where the customer doesn't hold equipment ownership. Incentives will not be used in the Participant Cost tests for the NGIA evaluation criteria.

Incentives per Participant, Size A
 Incentives per Participant, Size B
 Incentives per Participant, Size C

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:
\$	14,528	\$ 14,528	\$ 24,528	\$ 24,528	\$ 24,528	per participant per year
\$	14,528	\$ 14,528	\$ 24,528	\$ 24,528	\$ 24,528	per participant per year
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Incentives per participant is a function of total incentives paid directly to customers.

Calculations & Other Explanation:

Incentive Cap: \$ 25 \$/Dth annual gas savings

Study Support: \$10,000 \$/participant
 50% %

Additional Sites that Receive Audit Funding But Do Not Complete Project:

TOTAL AND DIRECT PARTICIPANT PILOT COSTS

Total Pilot Upfront Costs, Size A
 Total Pilot Upfront Costs, Size B
 Total Pilot Upfront Costs, Size C

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:
\$	160,000	\$ 160,000	\$ 160,000	\$ 160,000	\$ 160,000	per participant
\$	160,000	\$ 160,000	\$ 160,000	\$ 160,000	\$ 160,000	per participant
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This represents the total equipment and installation costs for technologies implemented as part of this pilot (specifically non-utility capital projects that were captured separately above). This cost does not account for what portion of costs may be covered by utility incentives, nor include utility program admin costs.

Third Party Funding, Size A
 Third Party Funding, Size B
 Third Party Funding, Size C

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:
						per participant
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						per participant

If there are expectations for external funding sources (e.g. IRA, etc) account for those values here. This funding is noted here for reference, it's not used to calculate any of the NGIA evaluation criteria.

Description of source of external funding:

IRA, etc

Direct Participant Pilot Costs, Size A
 Direct Participant Pilot Costs, Size B
 Direct Participant Pilot Costs, Size C

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:
\$	145,473	\$ 145,473	\$ 145,473	\$ 145,473	\$ 145,473	per participant
\$	145,473	\$ 145,473	\$ 145,473	\$ 145,473	\$ 145,473	per participant
\$	145,473	\$ 145,473	\$ 145,473	\$ 145,473	\$ 145,473	per participant

This represents the upfront costs to participants who participate in this pilot. This is a calculated value, where utility incentives are subtracted from the total upfront project costs. Direct Participant Pilot costs will be used in the Participant Cost tests for the NGIA evaluation criteria. Note that some pilots taking a "Direct Install" approach may see the utility covering all costs, with no upfront financial contribution from the participant.

Calculations & Other Explanation:

Escalation rate: Year 1 3.82% Year 2 3.82% Year 3 3.82% Year 4 3.82% Year 5 3.82% (for each pilot analysis year)

For an escalation rate, we use

PARTICIPANT NON-ENERGY COSTS

Participant Non-Energy Costs, Size A
 Participant Non-Energy Costs, Size B
 Participant Non-Energy Costs, Size C

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:
\$	-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per participant per year of pilot life
\$	-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per participant per year of pilot life
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This includes any increased in costs like equipment operating costs or increased water costs. Participant Non-Energy Costs will be used in the Participant Cost tests for the NGIA evaluation criteria.

Calculations & Other Explanation:

Escalation rate: Year 1 3.82% Year 2 3.82% Year 3 3.82% Year 4 3.82% Year 5 3.82% (for each pilot analysis year)

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PARTICIPANT NON-ENERGY SAVINGS

Participant Non-Energy Savings, Size A
 Participant Non-Energy Savings, Size B
 Participant Non-Energy Savings, Size C

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:
\$	-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per participant per year of pilot life
\$	-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per participant per year of pilot life
\$	-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per participant per year of pilot life

This includes any operating savings like water savings.

Calculations & Other Explanation:

PILOT LIFE

Average Lifetime for Savings/Pilot Tech, Size A
 Average Lifetime for Savings/Pilot Tech, Size B
 Average Lifetime for Savings/Pilot Tech, Size C

	20	years
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Calculations & Other Explanation:

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OTHER QUANTITATIVE CRITERIA:

		USD Cost Unit:		
OTHER NON-GHG POLLUTANTS	Other Non-GHG Pollutants, Size A	\$	0.37	per Dth
	Other Non-GHG Pollutants, Size B	\$	0.37	per Dth
	Other Non-GHG Pollutants, Size C	\$	0.37	per Dth

Calculations & Other Explanation:

Generally no change from CIP methodology. The factor is calculated using the final environmental cost values approved by Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (Commission). The factors are reported in 2021 dollars in Table 2 below, which were calculated by inflating the Commission's approved dollar per ton environmental cost values using escalation rate to adjust by observed inflation between 2014 and 2021. Stakeholders expressed a preference for allowing utilities to select different externality values for pilots targeting specific geographies or populations. For example, an energy efficiency project that targets an urban area might use the urban value rather than the metropolitan fringe value. Similarly, a project targeting a low-income population might use a high value rather than the median. Utilities can make deviations such as these in their NGIA plans if they can provide justification for the change. Instead of requiring the use of median metropolitan fringe values for all non-GHG pollutants, as shown in Table 1 of the Commission's January 3, 2018 Order in Docket No. E1999/C1-14-643, utilities may use the value most applicable for the pilot or measure.

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Total during 5 program years	Remainder of project life	
Net Direct Job Creation, Size A	1	1	1	1	1	4	0	# of jobs
Net Direct Job Creation, Size B	1	1	1	1	1	4	0	# of jobs
Net Direct Job Creation, Size C	2	2	2	2	2	11	0	# of jobs
	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Total during 5 program years	Remainder of project life	
Net Indirect Job Creation, Size A	1	1	1	1	1	3	0	# of jobs
Net Indirect Job Creation, Size B	1	1	1	1	1	4	0	# of jobs
Net Indirect Job Creation, Size C	1	1	1	1	1	7	0	# of jobs
	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Total during 5 program years	Remainder of project life	
Net Induced Job Creation, Size A	1	1	1	1	1	3	28	# of jobs
Net Induced Job Creation, Size A	1	1	1	1	1	4	56	# of jobs
Net Induced Job Creation, Size A	1	1	1	1	2	7	85	# of jobs

Calculations & Other Explanation:

Job numbers are estimated as Full Time Equivalents (FTE) and are rounded off.

Utilities should consider both jobs created by proposed pilots and jobs that may be eliminated by proposed pilots.

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	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:	
Public Co-Benefits, Size A	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	per year
Public Co-Benefits, Size B	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	per year
Public Co-Benefits, Size C	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	per year

Calculations & Other Explanation:

Quantifiable in some cases. If this metric isn't quantifiable, there is space for any qualitative comments in the Additional Qualitative Considerations section below.

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:	
Water Pollution, Size A	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	per year
Water Pollution, Size B	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	per year
Water Pollution, Size C	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	per year

Calculations & Other Explanation:

The legislation left the door open to quantify any costs and benefits on water pollution. This might be quantifiable for some of the projects. If this metric isn't quantifiable, there is space for any qualitative comments in the Additional Qualitative Considerations section below.

ADDITIONAL QUALITATIVE CONSIDERATIONS:

<p>NGIA Utility</p> <p><u>Perspective Notes:</u></p> <p>It is expected that most of the utility perspective costs and benefits will be quantifiable with and should be heavily informed by the structural values and CIP quantification methods.</p> <p><u>Definition:</u></p>	
<p>NGIA Participants'</p> <p><u>Perspective Notes:</u></p> <p>It is expected that many of the elements of the participant perspective, with respect to the direct effect of pilots, will be quantifiable and will rely on the structural values. Add here any information related to some direct effects of pilots on participants that may not be easily quantifiable. For example, increased comfort in a home and health benefits from pilots that improve indoor air quality are two examples of benefits that may be difficult to quantify. May assist MN businesses in achieving GHG goals</p> <p><u>Definition:</u></p>	
<p>NGIA Nonparticipating Customers'</p> <p><u>Perspective Notes:</u></p> <p>As with the utility perspective, the direct effects of pilot programs on non-participating customers should be quantified in most cases and can be heavily informed by structural values.</p> <p><u>Definition:</u></p>	

Effects on Other Energy Systems and Energy Security:

Definition: NGIA invites the Commission to consider how innovative resources fit into the energy system with a broader perspective than effects on the gas utility and its customers. Measures like strategic electrification specifically require gas utilities and the Commission to avoid negative effects on the electric system. Further, the NGIA empowers the Commission to consider a wide variety of "costs and benefits that may be expected under a plan," one of which is a reduction of reliance on imported resources and national fuel markets.

Reduces overall energy consumption

GHG Emissions:

Notes: An innovation plan must include the total lifecycle GHG emissions that the utility projects will be reduced or avoided through implementing the plan. This benefit should be generally quantifiable using the Commission-approved GHG accounting framework and GHG externality values. Note that this row also calls for discussion of any environmental justice effects of the pilot related to GHG emissions, these may not be quantifiable.

Other Pollution:

Notes: Include any additional non-GHG environmental costs and benefits. For example, effects on water pollution that may not be quantifiable, or specific air quality benefits to a low income community. Note that this also calls for discussion of any environmental justice effects of the pilot related to non-GHG pollution.

Waste Reduction and Reuse Notes:

Definition: Waste reduction, reuse, and anaerobic digestion are goals of the NGIA. Includes reduction of water use.

Policy Notes:

Definition: NGIA is intended to help the state achieve certain environmental policy goals including geologic gas throughput reduction and increased use of renewable resources.

Reduces fossil gas throughput; increases use of renewable energy

Net Job Creation:

Notes: An innovation plan must include, as applicable, "projected local job impacts resulting from implementation of the plan." Utilities should consider both jobs created by proposed pilots and jobs that may be eliminated by proposed pilots.

Economic Development Notes:

Definition: The Commission must make a finding that the innovation plan "promotes local economic development." Creation of jobs is a form of economic development, but economic development is broader. For example, pilots that pay workers a living wage or support apprenticeships or training opportunities would provide additional economic benefits.

Projects may follow IRA labor requirements to take advantage of tax benefits

Public Co-Benefits:

Notes: There may be public benefits for certain pilots. For example, the NGIA is intended to help support wastewater treatment and organics recycling. This category could also include odor effects on Minnesota communities – either reductions in unpleasant odors or increased odor problems.

Market Development:

Notes: The NGIA supports the development of new markets or expansion of markets in Minnesota. For example, utilities are required to describe whether proposed plans support the development of alternative agricultural products, as well as the geographic areas of the state where benefits are realized.

May help MN businesses appeal to customers interested in sustainability

Direct Innovation Support Notes:

Definition: This category is intended to answer how the proposed pilot supports the development and increased deployment of innovative resources beyond the direct program impacts. For example, research and development projects, which are permitted under the NGIA-40 are unlikely to produce significant benefits on their own but are intended to lead to future opportunities.

Opportunity for customers to learn about novel options for reducing GHGs from their systems

Resource Scalability
and Role in a
Decarbonized
System Notes:
Definition:

While NGIA pilots may have small impacts in the near-term, stakeholders felt it was important for the Commission to consider the potential importance of each resource in a decarbonized energy system. The NGIA requires the Commission to consider changes to natural gas utility and regulatory policy structures needed to meet or exceed Minnesota's GHG reduction goals. NGIA pilots should provide valuable information to the Commission as it considers the energy future of the state.





DESCRIPTION	Pilot Project Code:	CNP25	
	Pilot Project Name:	Industrial and Large Commercial GHG Audit Pilot	
	Customer Class/ Sector:	CGI	
	Low-Income Community Benefit?	N	
	Target Area:	Territory-wide	
	Primary Innovative Resource Category:	Energy Efficiency	Select primary Innovation Category. Others can be listed here:
			Strategic electrification, renewable natural gas, biogas, carbon capture
	Pilot Description:	CenterPoint Energy proposes to expand its existing Process Efficiency and Commercial Efficiency CIP offering to include identification of non-CIP GHG reducing opportunities for industrial and large commercial customers.	
	Overview of Program/ Implementation Approach:	This would build off the existing CIP program, enhancing those energy audits to include GHG emissions context/data, as well as emission reduction opportunities. The plan would not be to conduct extra audits, just enhance current number of audits funded through CIP. Additionally, a new 'custom incentive stream' would be established for specific types of technologies that have not traditionally been cost-effective under CIP but could leverage funding from NGIA to help them proceed. There are a number of types of opportunities identified in past CIP audits, where recommendations are not typically implemented.	
		The focus categories would include: 1. Electric heat pumps for certain process hot water needs (including reviewing and applying appropriate new technologies) 2. Heat recovery opportunities for process hot water/ process cooling and winter makeup air heating 3. Process efficiency improvements through improved process heat exchange / integration	
Other Comments / Information:	For this initial estimate we establish one representative project to assess the potential economics of this pilot. We expect the actual project sizes could be smaller or larger than this example, and that different types of technologies (in the three categories outlined above) could qualify.		

KEY PILOT-SPECIFIC INPUTS:

NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS	Pilot Year	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5		
	Calendar Year	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028		
	Participating Units, Size A	1	1	1	1	1	Incremental units added, annual (not cumulative).	
	Participating Units, Size B	2	2	2	2	2		
	Participating Units, Size C	3	3	3	3	3		
	Unit of Participation =	GHG Reduction Project Implemented						
	Calculations & Other Explanation:							
	Planned CIP Audits per Year:	10	10	10	10	10		
		(Not all audits results in projects implemented)						

ANNUAL TOTAL UTILITY INCREMENTAL COST, SIZE A	Annual Total Utility Incremental Cost, Size A	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:			
		\$ 259,438	\$ 260,068	\$ 260,716	\$ 261,385	\$ 312,073	total cost per year	These incremental utility costs are what will count against the NGIA budget cap for this measure and will be used in the Utility Cost, and Non-Participant Cost tests for the NGIA evaluation criteria. This is the sum of utility admin costs to run pilot, any incentive funding to support project deployment, and/or the utility's annual revenue requirement for capital investments made on select pilots.		
	Annual Total Utility Incremental Cost, Size B	\$ 396,275	\$ 396,905	\$ 397,554	\$ 398,222	\$ 448,911	total cost per year			
	Annual Total Utility Incremental Cost, Size C	\$ 533,113	\$ 533,743	\$ 534,391	\$ 535,060	\$ 585,748	total cost per year			
	FIXED O&M COST, SIZE A	Fixed O&M Cost, Size A	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:		
			\$ 122,600	\$ 123,230	\$ 123,879	\$ 124,547	\$ 175,236	total cost per year	Fixed O&M Cost is the result of adding up Total Project Delivery, Advertising and Promotions, Utility Administration, Trade Ally Incentives, and Workforce Development of Market Transformation Cost	
		Fixed O&M Cost, Size B	\$ 122,600	\$ 123,230	\$ 123,879	\$ 124,547	\$ 175,236	total cost per year		
		Fixed O&M Cost, Size C	\$ 122,600	\$ 123,230	\$ 123,879	\$ 124,547	\$ 175,236	total cost per year		
		TOTAL PROJECT DELIVERY, SIZE A	Total Project Delivery, Size A	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:	
				\$ 121,000	\$ 121,630	\$ 122,279	\$ 122,947	\$ 173,636	per year	Total internal and external project delivery
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Total Project Delivery, Size C			\$ 121,000	\$ 121,630	\$ 122,279	\$ 122,947	\$ 173,636	per year		
INTERNAL PROJECT DELIVERY, SIZE A			Internal Project Delivery, Size A	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:	
				\$ 21,000	\$ 21,630	\$ 22,279	\$ 22,947	\$ 23,636	per year	CNP staff. These costs are sub-set of the Utility 'Fixed O&M Cost' category above.
	Internal Project Delivery, Size B		\$ 21,000	\$ 21,630	\$ 22,279	\$ 22,947	\$ 23,636	per year		
	Internal Project Delivery, Size C		\$ 21,000	\$ 21,630	\$ 22,279	\$ 22,947	\$ 23,636	per year		
	EXTERNAL PROJECT DELIVERY, SIZE A		External Project Delivery, Size A	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:	
				\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000	\$ 150,000	per year	External vendor costs would include direct install costs where CNP reimburses the vendor. These costs are sub-set of the Utility 'Fixed O&M Cost' category above.
		External Project Delivery, Size B	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000	\$ 150,000	per year		
		External Project Delivery, Size C	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000	\$ 150,000	per year		
		ADVERTISING AND PROMOTIONS, SIZE A	Advertising and Promotions, Size A	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:	
				\$ 1,600	\$ 1,600	\$ 1,600	\$ 1,600	\$ 1,600	per year	These costs are sub-set of the Utility 'Fixed O&M Cost' category above.
Advertising and Promotions, Size B			\$ 1,600	\$ 1,600	\$ 1,600	\$ 1,600	\$ 1,600	per year		
Advertising and Promotions, Size C			\$ 1,600	\$ 1,600	\$ 1,600	\$ 1,600	\$ 1,600	per year		
ALLOCATION OF GENERAL PORTFOLIO COSTS, SIZE A			Allocation of General Portfolio Costs, Size A	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:	
									per year	Share of portfolio level costs, including plan development costs, regulatory costs, and general portfolio costs
	Allocation of General Portfolio Costs, Size B							per year		
	Allocation of General Portfolio Costs, Size C							per year		
	TRADE ALLY INCENTIVES, SIZE A		Trade Ally Incentives, Size A	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:	
				\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year	If applicable, include here the annual amount of trade ally incentives (e.g. midstream program)
		Trade Ally Incentives, Size B	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year		
		Trade Ally Incentives, Size C	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year		
		Annual Total Utility Incremental Cost, Size A	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:		
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UTILITY PILOT COSTS

Workforce Development or Market Transformation Cost, Size A	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	per year
Workforce Development or Market Transformation Cost, Size B	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	per year
Workforce Development or Market Transformation Cost, Size C	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	per year

These costs are sub-set of the Utility 'Fixed O&M Cost' category above.

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:	
Other Fixed O&M Cost, Size A	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	per year
Other Fixed O&M Cost, Size B	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	per year
Other Fixed O&M Cost, Size C	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	per year

These costs are sub-set of the Utility 'Fixed O&M Cost' category above.

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:	
Total utility capital investment, Size A	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	per year
Total utility capital investment, Size B	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	per year
Total utility capital investment, Size C	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	per year

This tracks expectations for when this pilot would require capital investments from the utility, if applicable. This will not directly feed into the incremental costs for NGA, but instead will be used to estimate the timing and level of annual revenue requirement resulting from these capital investments (shown below).

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:	
Est. Annual Revenue Requirement for Capital Projects, Size A	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	per year
Est. Annual Revenue Requirement for Capital Projects, Size B	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	per year
Est. Annual Revenue Requirement for Capital Projects, Size C	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	per year

For capital projects, the incremental cost impact on the NGA budget is the annual revenue requirement (return of and on capital additions), as well as the utility 'Fixed O&M Costs' captured above. This revenue requirement is calculated from the magnitude & timing of capital investment captured above, based on expected measure life (and depreciation time period), as well as the utility's return on investment.

Total	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:
\$	- per year
\$	- per year
\$	- per year

The total revenue requirement is calculated from the magnitude & timing of total capital investment captured above, based on expected measure life (and depreciation time period), as well as the utility's return on investment. This cost is noted here for reference, it's not used to calculate any of the NGA evaluation criteria.

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:	
Incentives, Size A	\$	136,838	\$	136,838	\$	136,838	per year
Incentives, Size B	\$	273,675	\$	273,675	\$	273,675	per year
Incentives, Size C	\$	410,513	\$	410,513	\$	410,513	per year

This tracks total incentives paid directly to customers (customer rebates like money, gift cards or other fungible payments, etc). Do not include here cost of customer benefits delivered directly to the customer by a program vendor (paying for the cost of energy/GHG audits or direct install measures), or making a capital investment in a customer's project where the customer doesn't hold equipment ownership. Incentives will be paid to the Participant over time for the NGA evaluation criteria.

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:	
Incentives per Participant, Size A	\$	136,838	\$	136,838	\$	136,838	per participant per year
Incentives per Participant, Size B	\$	136,838	\$	136,838	\$	136,838	per participant per year
Incentives per Participant, Size C	\$	136,838	\$	136,838	\$	136,838	per participant per year

Incentives per participant is a function of total incentives paid directly to customers.

Calculations & Other Explanation:

M&V - Total Cost for Whole Pilot:	\$50,000	flat rate assumed, regardless of pilot size
Incentive Cap: \$	25	\$/Dth annual gas savings
NGIA-related CNP Cost Per Customer Enrolled	\$10,000	
Total Project Cost: \$	300,000	Costs from a Furnace Exhaust Heat Recovery Project identified in a CIP industrial audit, that was not eligible for CIP rebates, had an expected payback of 6-7 years, and was not implemented by the customer
Baseline Upgrade Option: \$	-	(Baseline option is no upgrade / this is not an end of life measure)
Total Incremental Project Cost: \$	300,000	

TOTAL AND DIRECT PARTICIPANT PILOT COSTS

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:	
Total Pilot Upfront Costs, Size A	\$	300,000	\$	300,000	\$	300,000	per participant
Total Pilot Upfront Costs, Size B	\$	300,000	\$	300,000	\$	300,000	per participant
Total Pilot Upfront Costs, Size C	\$	300,000	\$	300,000	\$	300,000	per participant

This represents the total equipment and installation costs for technologies implemented as part of this pilot (specifically non-utility capital projects that were captured separately above). This cost does not account for what portion of costs may be covered by utility incentives, nor include utility program admin costs.

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:	
Third Party Funding, Size A	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	per participant
Third Party Funding, Size B	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	per participant
Third Party Funding, Size C	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	per participant

If there are expectations for external funding sources (e.g. IRA, etc) account for those values here. This funding is noted here for reference, it's not used to calculate any of the NGA evaluation criteria.

Description of source of external funding:

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:	
Direct Participant Pilot Costs, Size A	\$	163,163	\$	163,163	\$	163,163	per participant
Direct Participant Pilot Costs, Size B	\$	163,163	\$	163,163	\$	163,163	per participant
Direct Participant Pilot Costs, Size C	\$	163,163	\$	163,163	\$	163,163	per participant

This represents the upfront costs to participants who participate in this pilot. This is a calculated value, where utility incentives are subtracted from the total upfront project costs. Direct Participant Pilot costs will be used in the Participant Cost tests for the NGA evaluation criteria. Note that some pilots taking a 'Direct Install' approach may see the utility covering all costs, with no upfront financial contribution from the participant.

Calculations & Other Explanation:

Escalation rate	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5
	3.82%	3.82%	3.82%	3.82%	3.82%

For an escalation rate, we use the average of the 12-month percentage change in the "all items" consumer price index available from the United States Bureau of Economic Analysis.

PARTICIPANT NON-ENERGY COSTS

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:	
Participant Non-Energy Costs, Size A	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	per participant per year of pilot life
Participant Non-Energy Costs, Size B	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	per participant per year of pilot life
Participant Non-Energy Costs, Size C	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	per participant per year of pilot life

This includes any increased in costs like equipment operating costs or increased water costs. Participant Non-Energy Costs will be used in the Participant Cost tests for the NGA evaluation criteria.

Calculations & Other Explanation:

Escalation rate	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5
	3.82%	3.82%	3.82%	3.82%	3.82%

For an escalation rate, we use the average of the 12-month percentage change in the "all items" consumer price index available from the United States Bureau of Economic Analysis.

PARTICIPANT NON-ENERGY SAVINGS

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:	
Participant Non-Energy Savings, Size A	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	per participant per year of pilot life
Participant Non-Energy Savings, Size B	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	per participant per year of pilot life
Participant Non-Energy Savings, Size C	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	per participant per year of pilot life

This includes any operating savings like water savings.

Calculations & Other Explanation:

PILOT LIFE

Average Lifetime for Savings/Pilot Tech, Size A	20	years
Average Lifetime for Savings/Pilot Tech, Size B	20	years
Average Lifetime for Savings/Pilot Tech, Size C	20	years

	Calculations & Other Explanation:							
NATURAL GAS ENERGY SAVINGS, AVG. Dth/ PARTICIPANT SAVED	Avg. Dth/Participant Saved, Size A	5,474	Dth/Participant					
	Avg. Dth/Participant Saved, Size B	5,474	Dth/Participant					
	Avg. Dth/Participant Saved, Size C	5,474	Dth/Participant					
	Calculations & Other Explanation:							
AVG. NON-GAS FUEL UNITS/ PART	Avg. Non-Gas Fuel Units/Part. Saved, Size A	0.00	kWh/Participant				Units are kWh; could technically be other non-NG. Avg. Non-Gas Fuel Units/Part. Saved will be used in the Participant Cost tests for the NGIA evaluation criteria.	
	Avg. Non-Gas Fuel Units/Part. Saved, Size B	0.00	kWh/Participant					
	Avg. Non-Gas Fuel Units/Part. Saved, Size C	0.00	kWh/Participant					
	Avg. Additional Non-Gas Fuel Units/Part.Used, Size A	76,107	kWh/Participant				Avg. Additional Non-Gas Fuel Units/Part. Used will be used in the Participant Cost tests for the NGIA evaluation criteria.	
	Avg. Additional Non-Gas Fuel Units/Part.Used, Size B	76,107	kWh/Participant					
	Avg. Additional Non-Gas Fuel Units/Part.Used, Size C	76,107	kWh/Participant					
Calculations & Other Explanation:								
TOTAL ANNUAL Dth SAVED		Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5		
	Total Annual Dth Saved, Size A	5,474	5,474	5,474	5,474	5,474	Natural gas energy savings that result from multiplying savings per participant times the total number of new participants in a given year.	
	Total Annual Dth Saved, Size B	10,947	10,947	10,947	10,947	10,947		
	Total Annual Dth Saved, Size C	16,421	16,421	16,421	16,421	16,421		
Calculations & Other Explanation:								
GRID MIX SCENARIO	Grid Mix Scenario	NREL				Select one of the listed grid mix scenarios taking into account that:		
	<p>*Utilities shall use electric-utility-specific generation mix information for the renewable natural gas facility when it is reasonably available. When electric utility-specific information is not available, the firing gas utility will use a state-specific generation mix taken from Midwest Renewable Energy Laboratory (MREL) Fuelled Scenario. If the scenario used is fuelled, it uses a higher percentage of carbon-free electricity than is available to be sold from that state; either from an alternative hydroelectric or</p>							
Calculations & Other Explanation:								
LIFECYCLE GHG INTENSITY BY PROJECT SIZE	This section does not apply to all pilot types. The GHG changes from decreased natural gas and/or electricity consumption will be calculated based on values above. However, for pilots where NGIA requires lifecycle GHG savings (e.g. RNG, hydrogen, carbon capture) this section accounts for the lifecycle change in GHG emissions (per unit of participation).							
	Lifecycle GHG Intensity, Size A	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Utilities shall file a high, low, and expected greenhouse gas intensity for innovative resources included in a proposed Natural Gas Innovation Act innovation (NGIA) plan, where applicable. High and low scenarios shall incorporate at least low and high assumptions for electricity use and other fuels used in the resource's lifecycle. Expected greenhouse gas intensity values will be used in cost-benefit calculations and when determining the expected greenhouse gas reduction of pilot programs and NGIA plans.	
	Low							kg CO2e/participant
	Expected	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		kg CO2e/participant
	High							kg CO2e/participant
	Lifecycle GHG Intensity, Size B	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5		kg CO2e/participant
	Low							
	Expected	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	kg CO2e/participant	
	High						kg CO2e/participant	
	Lifecycle GHG Intensity, Size C	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	kg CO2e/participant	
Low						kg CO2e/participant		
Expected	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	kg CO2e/participant		
High						kg CO2e/participant		
OTHER PILOT-SPECIFIC PARAMETERS (formerly 'General Parameters' in CIP Calculator):								
PEAK REDUCTION FACTOR	Peak Reduction Factor	%				The estimated average annual effect of the project on system peak. It is estimated to be % for energy efficiency pilots. The method for other innovative resources should be considered in the context of specific utility proposals. Peak Reduction Factor will be used in the Utility Cost and Non Participant Cost tests for the NGIA evaluation criteria.		
	Calculations & Other Explanation:							
VARIABLE O&M	Values now linked directly back to planning assumptions tab (possible given the combination of formerly separate Exhibits P and N into a single file)							
	Variable O&M Cost, Applies to all project sizes	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:	
		\$ 0.05	\$ 0.04	\$ 0.04	\$ 0.04	\$ 0.04	per Dth	
Calculations & Other Explanation:								
NON-GAS FUEL COST	Escalation rate	n/a	-5.250%	-5.250%	-5.250%	-5.250%	(for each pilot analysis year)	
	<p>USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:</p> <p>Non-Gas (i.e., Electric) Fuel Cost</p> <p>\$ 4.14 per MWh</p> <p>The CIP methodology is used for all resources other than strategic electrification. The method for strategic electrification should be considered in the context of specific utility pilot proposals. equal to the average of daily-real-time final market locational marginal prices (LMP) at the Minnesota Hub from January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022 using data from Midwest Independent System Operator (MISO)</p>							
Calculations & Other Explanation:								
NON-GAS FUEL LOSS FACTOR	Non-Gas Fuel Loss Factor	8.22%				The CIP methodology is used for all resources other than strategic electrification. The method for strategic electrification should be considered in the context of specific utility pilot proposals. In the most recent CIP, Staff used the weighted average of the most recent loss factors reported by Minnesota Power, Xcel Energy, and Otter Tail Power's reported 2021 transmission and distribution loss factors and weighting by the utilities' 2017-2019 average retail sales		
	Calculations & Other Explanation:							

OTHER QUANTITATIVE CRITERIA:

		USD Cost Unit:		
OTHER NON-GHG POLLUTANTS	Other Non-GHG Pollutants, Size A	\$	0.37	per Dth
	Other Non-GHG Pollutants, Size B	\$	0.37	per Dth
	Other Non-GHG Pollutants, Size C	\$	0.37	per Dth

Generally no charge from CIP methodology. The factor is calculated using the final environmental cost values approved by Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (Commission). The factors are reported in 2021 dollars in Table 2 below, which were calculated by inflating the Commission's approved dollar per ton environmental cost values using escalation rate to adjust by observed inflation between 2014 and 2021. Stakeholders expressed a preference for allowing utilities to select different externality values for pilots targeting specific geographies or populations. For example, an energy efficiency project that targets an urban area might use the urban value rather than the metropolitan fringe value. Similarly, a project targeting a low-income population might use a high value rather than the median. Utilities can make deviations such as these in their NGIA plans if they can provide justification for the change. Instead of requiring the use of median metropolitan fringe values for all non-GHG pollutants, as shown in Table 1 of the Commission's January 3, 2018 Order in Docket No. E0999/C1-14-643, utilities may use the value most applicable for the pilot or measure.

Calculations & Other Explanation:

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Total during 5 program years	Remainder of project life	
Net Direct Job Creation, Size A	2	2	2	2	2	10	10	# of jobs
Net Direct Job Creation, Size B	3	3	3	4	3	16	20	# of jobs
Net Direct Job Creation, Size C	4	5	5	5	6	25	31	# of jobs
Net Indirect Job Creation, Size A	1	1	1	1	1	6	6	# of jobs
Net Indirect Job Creation, Size B	2	2	2	2	2	10	13	# of jobs
Net Indirect Job Creation, Size C	3	3	3	3	4	15	19	# of jobs
Net Induced Job Creation, Size A	1	1	1	1	1	6	6	# of jobs
Net Induced Job Creation, Size A	2	2	2	2	2	10	13	# of jobs
Net Induced Job Creation, Size A	3	3	3	3	4	16	20	# of jobs

Calculations & Other Explanation:
 Job numbers are estimated as Full Time Equivalents (FTE) and are rounded off.

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	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:	
Public Co-Benefits, Size A	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year	Quantifiable in some cases. If this metric isn't quantifiable, there is space for any qualitative comments in the Additional Qualitative Considerations section below.
Public Co-Benefits, Size B	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year	
Public Co-Benefits, Size C	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year	

Calculations & Other Explanation:

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	USD (Nominal) Cost Unit:	
Water Pollution, Size A	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year	The legislation left the door open to quantify any costs and benefits on water pollution. This might be quantifiable for some of the projects. If this metric isn't quantifiable, there is space for any qualitative comments in the Additional Qualitative Considerations section below.
Water Pollution, Size B	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year	
Water Pollution, Size C	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	per year	

Calculations & Other Explanation:

ADDITIONAL QUALITATIVE CONSIDERATIONS:

<p>NGIA Utility Perspective Notes: It is expected that most of the utility perspective costs and benefits will be quantifiable with and should be heavily informed by the structural values and CIP quantification methods.</p> <p>Definition:</p>	
<p>NGIA Participants Perspective Notes: It is expected that many of the elements of the participant perspective, with respect to the direct effect of pilots, will be quantifiable and will rely on the structural values. Add here any information related to some direct effects of pilots on participants that may not be easily quantifiable. For example, increased comfort in a home and health benefits from pilots that improve indoor air quality are two examples of benefits that may be difficult to quantify. May assist MN businesses in achieving GHG goals</p> <p>Definition:</p>	
<p>NGIA Nonparticipating Customers Perspective Notes: As with the utility perspective, the direct effects of pilot programs on non-participating customers should be quantified in most cases and can be heavily informed by structural values.</p> <p>Definition:</p>	

Effects on Other Energy Systems and Energy Security
Definition:

NGIA invites the Commission to consider how innovative resources fit into the energy system with a broader perspective than effects on the gas utility and its customers. Measures like strategic electrification specifically require gas utilities and the Commission to avoid negative effects on the electric system. Further, the NGIA empowers the Commission to consider a wide variety of "costs and benefits that may be expected under a plan," one of which is a reduction of reliance on imported resources and national fuel markets.

Reduces overall energy consumption

GHG Emissions
Notes:

Definition: An innovation plan must include the total lifecycle GHG emissions that the utility projects will be reduced or avoided through implementing the plan. This benefit should be generally quantifiable using the Commission-approved GHG accounting framework and GHG externality values. Note that this row also calls for discussion of any environmental justice effects of the pilot related to GHG emissions, these may not be quantifiable.

Other Pollution
Notes:

Definition: Include any additional non-GHG environmental costs and benefits. For example, effects on water pollution that may not be quantifiable, or specific air quality benefits to a low income community. Note that this also calls for discussion of any environmental justice effects of the pilot related to non-GHG pollution.

Waste Reduction and Reuse Notes:

Definition: Waste reduction, reuse, and anaerobic digestion are goals of the NGIA. Includes reduction of water use.

Policy Notes:

Definition: NGIA is intended to help the state achieve certain environmental policy goals including geologic gas throughput reduction and increased use of renewable resources.

Reduces fossil gas throughput; increases use of renewable energy

Net Job Creation
Notes:

Definition: An innovation plan must include, as applicable, "projected local job impacts resulting from implementation of the plan." Utilities should consider both jobs created by proposed pilots and jobs that may be eliminated by proposed pilots.

Economic Development
Notes:

Definition: The Commission must make a finding that the innovation plan "promotes local economic development." Creation of jobs is a form of economic development, but economic development is broader. For example, pilots that pay workers a living wage or support apprenticeships or training opportunities would provide additional economic benefits.

Public Co-Benefits
Notes:

Definition: There may be public benefits for certain pilots. For example, the NGIA is intended to help support wastewater treatment and organics recycling. This category could also include odor effects on Minnesota communities – either reductions in unpleasant odors or increased odor problems.

Market Development
Notes:

Definition: The NGIA supports the development of new markets or expansion of markets in Minnesota. For example, utilities are required to describe whether proposed plans support the development of alternative agricultural products, as well as the geographic areas of the state where benefits are realized

May help MN businesses appeal to customers interested in sustainability

Direct Innovation Support Notes:

Definition: This category is intended to answer how the proposed pilot supports the development and increased deployment of innovative resources beyond the direct program impacts. For example, research and development projects, which are permitted under the NGIA,40 are unlikely to produce significant benefits on their own but are intended to lead to future opportunities.

Opportunity for customers to learn about novel options for reducing GHGs from their systems

Resource
Scalability and Role
in a Decarbonized
System Notes:
Definition:

While NGIA pilots may have small impacts in the near-term, stakeholders felt it was important for the Commission to consider the potential importance of each resource in a decarbonized energy system. The NGIA requires the Commission to consider changes to natural gas utility and regulatory policy structures needed to meet or exceed Minnesota's GHG reduction goals. NGIA pilots should provide valuable information to the Commission as it considers the energy future of the state.

