

Mr. Will Seuffert
Executive Secretary
Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
121 7th Place East, Suite 350
St. Paul, MN 55101-2147

Re: Petition by CenterPoint Energy to Introduce a Renewable Natural Gas Interconnection Service
Docket No. G-008/M-20-434

Minneapolis, July 8, 2020

Dear Mr. Seuffert,

The Yorth Group is a Minneapolis based consulting firm which helps local governments and businesses realize sustainability goals related to the circular economy. We have a variety of tools that help our clients benchmark and quantify the value of investments and projects toward achieving sustainability goals. Our objective is to drive restorative and circular development models that empower organizations and communities to do well by doing good – to generate economic prosperity through closed-loop and sustainable resource management, ecosystem restoration, and social enrichment.

The circular economy model of economic development aims to decouple growth from the consumption of finite resources. Key to this approach is reusing “waste” to displace the need for constant input of new resources into the system. Increased utilization of biogas resources, which are too often treated as a “waste” requiring management and disposal, is key to achieving the circular economy in Minnesota, and renewable natural gas (“RNG”) will be a part of that effort.

The Yorth group supports CenterPoint’s plan to open its pipeline system to RNG developers and its longer-term goal to replace fossil natural gas use in Minnesota with sustainable energy resources such as RNG. By making its pipeline system available to producers, CenterPoint will help enable local communities to drive forward with sustainability goals and lay the groundwork for larger scale future change.



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