

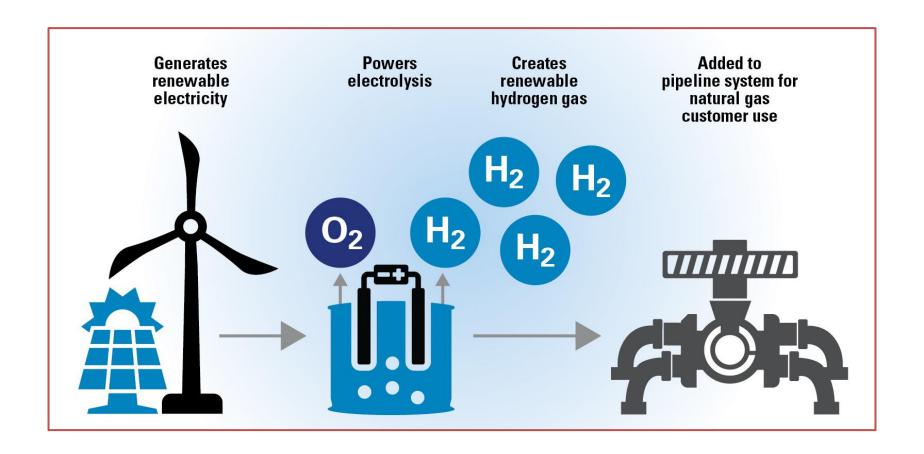
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Leading the way with a zero-carbon energy resource: "green hydrogen"





CenterPoint Energy Green Hydrogen Pilot Project



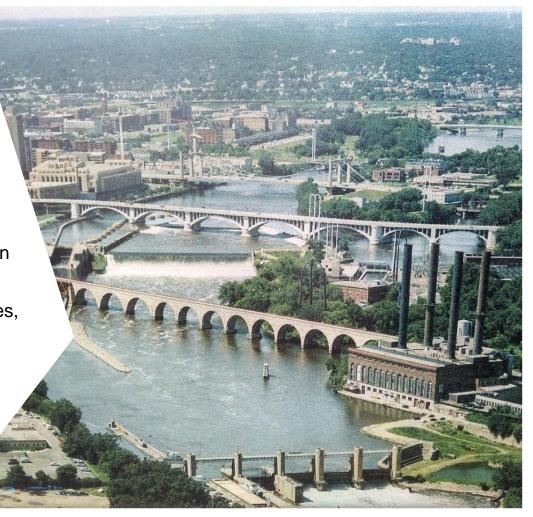
Project Goals

 Reduce the carbon content of our delivered energy.

Learn from direct experience.

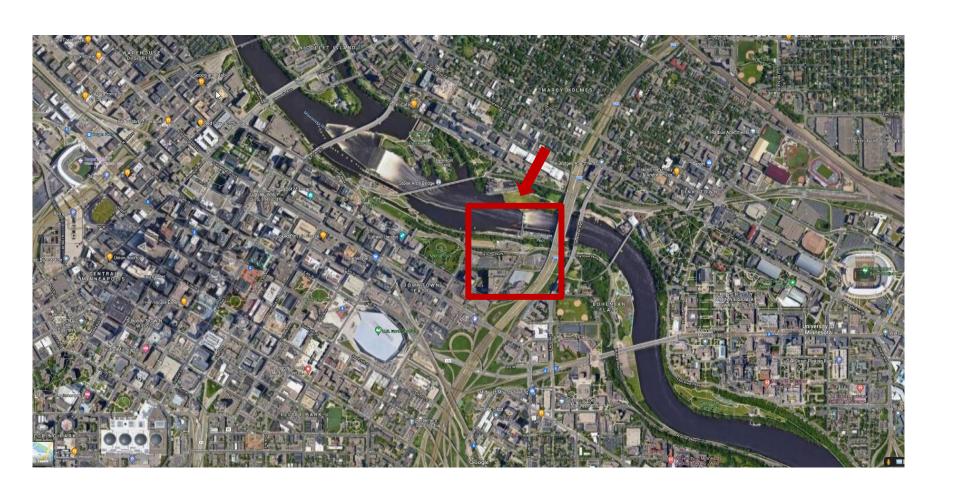
 Study effects of various low levels of hydrogen injection on the gas distribution system.

 Educate our stakeholders and employees, create excitement, and demonstrate innovation at CenterPoint Energy.



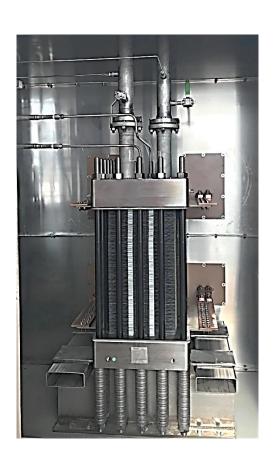
Project Site in Minneapolis (MN SD 59)

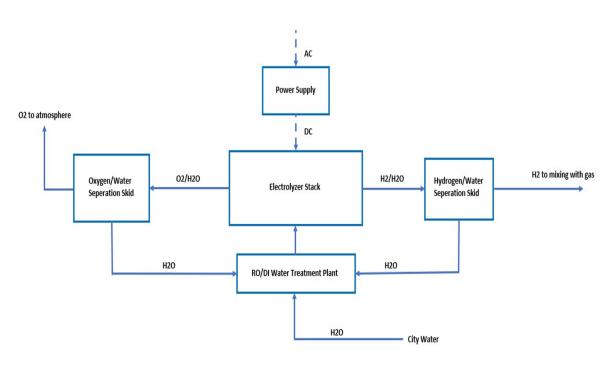




Hydrogen is Produced in the Electrolyzer







Significant Local Resources



- Standby Systems, Inc., Minneapolis.
 - System process engineering and design
 - Prefabricated equipment skids
- CenterPoint Energy, Minneapolis; H2 to distribution injection design
- Smith Engineering, Chaska; Water Treatment System,
- Corval Group, St. Paul; Piping installation
- Muska Electric, Roseville; Electrical
- Construction Results, Plymouth; Civil work
- Kato Engineering, Mankato; Backup Generator
- Xcel, Minneapolis; Renewable Electricity Supply.

Water Treatment System by Smith Engineering in Chaska





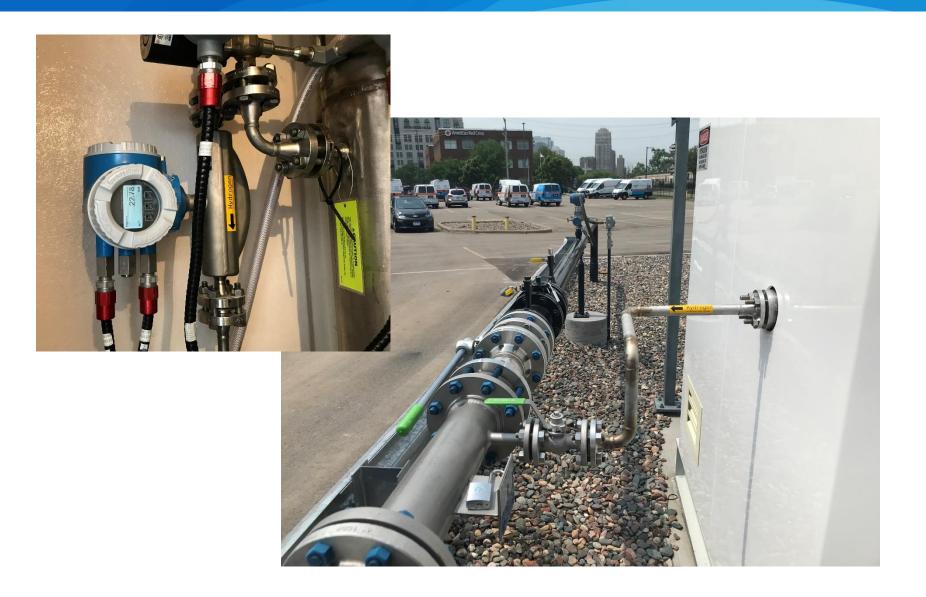
Hydrogen Production System





Hydrogen Injection





Natural Gas Innovation Act (NGIA)



NGIA creates a new regulatory framework for natural gas utilities to invest in renewable energy resources and innovative technologies that reduce the state's greenhouse gas emissions.

Innovation Plan

a set of "pilot projects" that directly deploy and/or encourage the deployment of "innovative resources"

Pilot Projects

 can include a wide range of activities, including specific project development, programs and services offered to CenterPoint Energy customers, and research & development efforts

Innovative Resources

- Renewable natural gas
- Biogas
- Power-to-hydrogen
- Power-to-ammonia
- Energy efficiency
- Strategic electrification
- District Energy
- Onsite carbon capture

What's Next?



- Minnesota-made Energy
 - Green hydrogen can be made in Minnesota by Minnesota companies.
- Currently reviewing sections of the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA), Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), and collaborating with industry resources to identify opportunities to benefit our customers.
- CenterPoint Energy is involved in the Hydrogen Economy Collaborative hosted by Great Plains Institute.



Thank you!