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## **OPERATOR OVERVIEW**

Brownton Municipal Natural Gas is a municipal natural gas utility that provides natural gas service to approximately 280 residential, commercial and industrial customers, primarily within the city limits of Brownton.

## COMMITMENT TO SAFETY, HEALTH & ENVIRONMENT

Brownton Municipal Natural Gas is committed to public safety, protection of the environment, and operation of its facilities in compliance with all applicable rules and regulations.

Pipeline operating conditions are monitored 24 hours a day, 7 days a week by personnel in Hutchinson Utilities' System Control Center utilizing a Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) system. This electronic surveillance system gathers such data as pipeline pressures and flow rates. Whenever operating conditions change, an alarm warns the operator on duty and the condition is investigated. Manual valves are strategically placed within the distribution system to enable the system to be shutdown immediately and sections to be isolated quickly, if necessary.



- Visual inspections of the City of Brownton Municipal Natural Gas right-of-ways are conducted on a regular basis. The right-of-way is a narrow strip of land reserved for the pipeline. Above ground line markers are installed along the right-of-way to alert the public and contractors to the existence of the natural gas facilities.
- Brownton Municipal Natural Gas public education program is designed to prevent third-party damage to its pipelines. Additionally, the utility is a member of Minnesota's "Gopher State One Call" program, which is designed to help the public, contractors and others identify the location of pipelines before excavation or digging projects to prevent damage to pipelines and protect the public. The leading cause of pipeline accidents is third-party damage caused by various types of digging and excavation activities.
- Emergency preparedness and planning measures are in place at Brownton Municipal Natural Gas in the event that an incident occurs. The utility also works closely with local emergency response organizations to educate them regarding our facilities and how to respond in the unlikely event of an emergency.

For more information about Brownton Municipal Natural Gas contact Hutchinson Utilities at 320-587-4746 or visit www.cityofbrownton.com.

## **EMERGENCY CONTACT:** Hutchinson Utilities System Control (877) 593-3973 or (320) 587-4745

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## MINNESOTA COUNTIES OF OPERATION:

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Changes may occur. Contact the operator to discuss their pipeline systems and areas of operation.

