### **Public Utilities**



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### **OPERATOR OVERVIEW**

New Ulm Public Utilities serves customers within the City of New Ulm with natural gas. Natural gas is brought to New Ulm via an interconnect with Hutchinson Utilities' Pipeline that is served by the Northern Border Pipeline. New Ulm has another interconnect with Northern Natural Gas Pipeline that is used as a back-up. New Ulm Public Utilities serves 6098 natural gas customers through its distribution system that consists of 101 miles of mains and approximately 5565 gas service lines.



## COMMITMENT TO SAFETY, HEALTH & ENVIRONMENT

New UIm Public Utilities is committed to employee and public safety, protection of the environment, and operation of its facilities in compliance with all applicable rules and regulations. The company is proud of its safety record and follows regulations and procedures to monitor and ensure the integrity of its pipelines.

 Pipeline operating conditions are monitored 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Emergency response personnel are on stand-by duty 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

- Above ground marker signs are displayed along the 250 psi pipeline right-of-way to alert the public and contractors to the existence of the pipeline.
- Leak surveys are conducted annually on the pipeline and servicelines
- Cathodic protection is a technology designed to protect pipelines from external corrosion and is used throughout our system to prevent leaks.
- New Ulm Public Utilities public education program is designed to prevent third-party damage to its pipelines. Additionally, the company is a member of Gopher State One Call Center that is Minnesota's "call-before-you-dig" system, 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.
- Emergency preparedness and planning measures are in place at New Ulm Public Utilities in the event that a pipeline incident occurs. The company also works closely with local emergency response organizations to educate them regarding our pipelines and how to respond in the unlikely event of an emergency.



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#### MINNESOTA COUNTIES OF OPERATION:

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Pipelines are the most efficient and safest method by which to transport and deliver natural gas and they are inherently safer than other modes of transportation such as rail, barge and truck. While the amount of natural gas being used in the U.S. continues to increase dramatically, the industry's safety performance in recent years has improved significantly and serious accidents are rare. Pipelines help ensure a plentiful supply of natural gas to heat homes and businesses and generate electricity.