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ABOUT HARLAN MUNICIPAL UTILITIES

The City of Harlan (pop. 4,820) is located in Shelby County in west central Iowa. Harlan is about 90 miles west of Des Moines, 40 miles east of Omaha and 11 miles north of I-80. The Gas Utility is governed by a five member Harlan Municipal Utility (HMU) Board of Trustees with a CEO and department supervisor overseeing daily operations. HMU serves approximately 2,400 customers with natural gas with an annual usage of about 464,000 MCF per year.

The original Gas Utility was added by public vote to Electric and Water service and built in 1954. Harlan now has 32 miles of gas main lines. Approximately 31 miles of system is coated steel, referred to as cathodically protected, and the rest is a specially designed plastic.

HMU contracts with two providers for transport and commodity. We contract with Northern Natural Gas for pipeline delivery of the gas to our Town Border Station, which is about a mile east of the HMU offices on Highway 44. It is here that we meter how much gas we use for the town and add odorant for safety. Natural gas is purchased for resale through British Petroleum (BP). HMU has a contract with BP to provides us natural gas at a fixed price.

For our customers' safety HMU also has personnel available 24 hours a day to check for natural gas leaks and carbon monoxide concentrations.

HMU Gas and Meter department employees are also responsible for monthly meter reading and maintaining electric, gas and water meters.

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 Natural Gas 1971 115

IOWA COUNTIES OF OPERATION:

Shelby

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

