



**OPERATOR OVERVIEW**

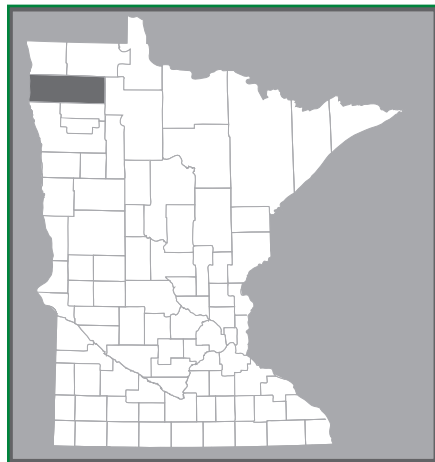
The City of Stephen is a combination municipal natural gas, sewer and water utility that provides natural gas service to approximately 350 residential, commercial and industrial customers, primarily within the city limits of Stephen. The City of Stephen gas initiated operations in the 1960s.

**COMMITMENT TO SAFETY, HEALTH & ENVIRONMENT**

The City of Stephen 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 constantly with City personnel on call 24 hours a day.

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 shut down immediately and sections to be isolated quickly, if necessary.

- Visual inspections of the City of Stephen 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.

- The City of Stephen Natural Gas public education program is designed to prevent third-party damage to its pipelines. Additionally, the city 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 the City of Stephen in the event that an incident occurs. The city 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.

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 COUNTIES OF OPERATION:**

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

