

NATURAL GAS FACT SHEET

SAFE, RELIABLE AND AFFORDABLE

As the fifth largest public gas utility in the U.S., the mission of the Metropolitan Utilities District (the District) is to enhance quality of life by delivering safe, reliable and cost-effective natural gas and water, essential for today and future generations. A customer-owned utility and political subdivision of the State of Nebraska, the District has operated the gas system since 1918.

- We serve a population of approximately 600,000, comprising more than 242,000 customer-owner accounts in the metro Omaha area, including Bellevue, Bennington, Fort Calhoun, Springfield and Yutan.
- We safely deliver natural gas through nearly 3,000 miles of gas distribution mains.
- Our gas rates are among the lowest in the U.S., ranking fourth lowest as measured by the average residential gas bill in 2025.*

GAS SUPPLY & STORAGE STRATEGIES

The District purchases natural gas from a portfolio of suppliers in the U.S. and Canada, relying on a multitude of strategies, such as contracting with the Central Plains Energy Project and participating in long-term purchase arrangements for a significant portion of our gas supply. These strategies allow for a fixed discount to market prices on approximately 60 percent of required volumes.

The District also owns and operates storage facilities, including a liquefied natural gas plant and propane storage caverns. These assets enable us to provide additional supply during periods of peak demand, thereby lessening the need to purchase volumes on the spot market, which can be extremely costly.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

We remain committed to delivering natural gas cleanly and more efficiently and to utilizing our infrastructure to distribute the energy sources of the future. For example, our infrastructure replacement program provides significant environmental benefits through leak reduction.

From 2008-2024, the District replaced 478 miles of cast iron gas mains and 55,393 gas services. The District was awarded \$35 million through the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration's Natural Gas Distribution Infrastructure Safety and Modernization grant program. The grant funds will support design and construction of gas infrastructure using plastic pipe, abandonment of existing gas infrastructure, replacement of gas services and modernization of gas meters.

COMPRESSED NATURAL GAS (CNG) AND RENEWABLE NATURAL GAS (RNG)

The District continues to lead in the market development of CNG as a vehicular fuel and has been experimenting with RNG through the Douglas County landfill gas project and an upcoming connection to Pheasant Point Landfill west of Bennington. The landfill connections help fuel the District's entire natural gas fleet of more than 160 light, medium and heavy-duty vehicles, reducing greenhouse gas emissions by approximately 88 percent for CNG vehicles compared to diesel vehicles. In 2024, the District dispensed more than 3.2 million Gasoline Gallon Equivalents of CNG across the service territory.