



September 25, 2018

NATURAL GAS CONSERVATION CONFERENCE

You are invited to attend the **2018 Natural Gas Conservation Conference**, sponsored jointly by the [Minnesota Blue Flame Gas Association](#); major utility sponsor, **Xcel Energy**; and supporting utility sponsors, **CenterPoint Energy** and **Minnesota Energy Resources**. This year's session offers a variety of topics to help you get more for your natural gas dollar, plus you can earn a certificate of completion to use (if applicable) for professional development hours.

Natural Gas Conservation Conference

Tuesday, September 25, 2018

8:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Golden Valley Country Club, Golden Valley

Who Should Attend and Why

- ▶ **Who:** Facility managers, building owners, asset managers, property managers, finance personnel, building engineers, hotel and restaurant owners and managers, HVAC contractors and building design professionals.
- ▶ **Why:** To stay current with the latest changes in the natural gas industry and to help you manage your energy costs more efficiently and effectively. To maximize the return on energy efficiency upgrades. Learn about market projections for the upcoming heating season, new technologies, how to maximize your equipment's efficiencies and save on energy costs. We provide displays of cutting edge technology to keep professionals current on trends, technologies, and strategies.

Agenda: Tuesday, September 25, 2018

8:00 a.m.	Registration and Continental Breakfast. Visit vendor tables.
8:30 a.m.	Breakfast Presentation – Natural Gas Price & Supply Update & Utility CIP Update Natural gas price and supply update. North American Energy Outlook. Utility updates on CIP programs. <i>Brian Habacivch, Principal, Commodities Mgmt.- Constellation Energy</i>
9:30 a.m.	Session One. Choose from two options: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Seminar A – Utility Conservation Programs Why are there rebates? History of conservation rebates, how utilities work with regulatory agencies to promote energy conservation. Payback guidelines for projects-qualifications. <i>Jeremy Petersen, Principal DSM Consultant, Xcel Energy</i> <i>Aaron Tinjum, Senior Regulatory Analyst, Xcel Energy</i>• Seminar B – Panel-Rate Review-Natural Gas Transportation vs. Utility System Sales – Discuss and review rates for transportation vs. utility system sales. Also discuss being ready if you are interrupted/curtailed. <i>Utility and Gas Marketer Representatives</i>

10:30 a.m. Break – visit vendor tables

11:00 a.m. **Session Two.** Choose from two options:

- **Seminar A – Gas Distribution 101**

How does natural gas get delivered to you? Learn about meter sets, how designed, sizing, changing load, etc. Costs to deliver your natural gas and safety. What is customer owned vs. utility owned?

*Wade Wiken, Transportation-Key Acct. Leader;
Minnesota Energy Resources*

- **Seminar B – The Latest on Condensing Boilers**

Industry updates on natural gas-fired condensing boilers, standby fuel options, and other system considerations for new construction and retrofit boiler projects.

Jim Hoch, Standby Systems; Joe Mozeika, Mulcahy; Brett Stueland, R M Cotton Co.

12:00 p.m. Break – visit vendor tables

12:15 p.m.



Lunch and Keynote Address: Natural Gas – A Partner to Renewable Energy

Natural gas is a vital partner in helping reduce carbon emissions and supporting renewable energies.

Rick Murphy, Managing Director - Sustainable Growth; AGA

Conclusion and Drawing for Prizes

1:30 p.m.

Natural Gas Peak Shaving Plant Tour – Approx. 45 minutes
(Must pre-register--space is limited)

Location and Sponsors

Location:

Golden Valley Country Club
7001 Golden Valley Road
Golden Valley, MN 55427 [Map it](#)
Phone: 763-732-4100 Web: goldenvalleycountryclub.com

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Event Details

- ▶ Reserve Your Spot Now – Fills Fast – Limited Space!
- ▶ \$75 fee for members or customers of utility members (Ask about utility sponsorships when you RSVP. Many utilities are covering part or all of their customers' fees.)
- ▶ \$99 fee for non-members
- ▶ Continental breakfast and lunch are included.
- ▶ Limited tabletop booths & sponsorships are available. If interested, contact Diane Swintek dswintek@blueflame.org

Register by Friday, September 21

To register, call Diane Swintek at **763-424-1841** or e-mail dswintek@blueflame.org.

When you register, be sure to check if there are registration discounts from your natural gas utility. **Please specify which seminar (A or B) you'd like to attend for each session. Must pre-register for plant tour.**

Mail your payment to: Minnesota Blue Flame Gas Association, PO Box 667, Osseo, MN 55369. PayPal is available for credit card payments (a 3% service fee applies).

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