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ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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Future of Natural Gas in Minnesota

The Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (PUC) has initiated a significant proceeding known as the "Future of Gas" docket (Docket No. 21-565) to explore the state's transition away from fossil gas and towards cleaner energy sources. This initiative is part of Minnesota's broader strategy to achieve net-zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050, as outlined in the state's Climate Action Framework.



Background and Objectives

The "Future of Gas" docket was established following the passage of the Natural Gas Innovation Act (NGIA) in 2021. The NGIA provides a framework for natural gas utilities to propose innovative plans aimed at reducing greenhouse gas emissions. Under this act, utilities like CenterPoint Energy and Xcel Energy have submitted plans involving pilot projects such as hydrogen blending, carbon capture, and strategic electrification.

The PUC's "Future of Gas" docket specifically seeks to evaluate necessary policy and regulatory changes to align the natural gas utility sec-

tor with the state's climate goals. This includes assessing the feasibility of transitioning to alternative energy sources and implementing energy efficiency measures. One of the topics under discussion is regarding what actions the PUC should take to modify existing gas line extension policies for rate-regulated utilities.

Line extension policies encompass a utility's construction of gas mains, service lines and meters to serve a new customer. It enables gas systems to grow.

Public Participation

The PUC encourages public involvement in the "Future of Gas" docket. Minnesotans can submit comments, attend public meetings, and participate in discussions to shape the state's energy future.

If you would like more information, please contact Annette at ahenkel@blueflame.org.



A Day on the Greens: Minnesota Blue Flame Golf Event Brings Industry Together

The Minnesota Blue Flame Gas Association’s annual Golf Event once again proved to be a memorable day of networking and camaraderie— all under the June 5th summer sun. Held at Cannon Golf Course in Cannon Falls, the event drew a strong turnout of natural gas professionals, partners, and supporters from across the state.

Designed as both a fundraising initiative and a networking opportunity, the Blue Flame Golf Event reflects the association’s ongoing mission: promoting safe, efficient, and expanded use of gas energy in Minnesota. It also celebrates the partnerships that drive the industry forward.

An Energized Gathering of Industry Leaders

The day began with a warm welcome from the Blue Flame Board Chair Greg Olson, followed by a shotgun start that sent teams of four out across the beautifully maintained course. Players competed in a best-ball format, keeping the atmosphere fun and inclusive, regardless of skill level.

Throughout the day, various holes featured sponsored contests such as longest drive, closest to the pin, and putting challenges.

More Than Just a Game

While golf was the headline event, the real value was in the conversations and connections forged on the fairways and greens. It was an ideal setting to discuss industry challenges, share insights, and strengthen working relationships — all in a relaxed, outdoor setting.

A dinner and awards banquet wrapped up the day, complete with prize drawings and a brief program recognizing sponsors and key supporters.

Whether you were teeing off, sponsoring a hole, or simply cheering on your team, the 2025 Blue Flame Golf Event was a successful event— and to many more rounds ahead.

Visit our website at blueflame.org for a gallery of photos from the event.



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811 5K RUN/WALK

Join us for a safety day @ Bde Maka Ska on 8/9/25 at 8:11A.M.

The 811 5K run/walk is a public awareness event that hopes to spread the word about safe digging and damage prevention awareness. A free kids run is scheduled after the race. Participants can also enjoy snacks, water, a variety of safety-themed games and kids medals. All net proceeds benefit the Twin Cities Firefighters for Operation Warm program, a non-profit partnership providing new, warm winter coats for Minnesota children in need.



Thomas Beach

3700 Thomas Ave S, Minneapolis, MN 55410

Registration Fees
5k Run/Walk - \$18.11
Kid's Run - Free

CHARITY DETAILS

All net proceeds provide brand new winter coats through the Twin Cities Firefighters partnership with Operation Warm, a non-profit organization that connects underserved children to community resources they need to thrive.

EVENT SCHEDULE

7:00 AM - Registration Opens
8:00 AM - Vendor Fair
8:11 AM - 5K Start
9:15 AM - Kid's Race

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Upcoming Events

Thursday, Aug. 21 - Labor Day, Monday Sept. 1, 2025

Blue Flame Lodge at the MN State Fair

Tuesday, September 9, 2025

Blue Fame Fishing Event — Mille Lacs Lake

Wednesday, October 22, 2025

Blue Flame Conference — Surly Brewing Co.

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Quote of the Quarter

*Hello June,
May the month ahead
bring you love, happiness
and sunshine.*

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If you have something to submit or an address change.

If you would like to submit information to be considered for the next member newsletter or have an address change, contact Annette at ahenkel@blueflame.org



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