

ORDINANCE NO. 1096

**CITY OF LAKEVILLE
COUNTY OF DAKOTA, MINNESOTA**

**AN ORDINANCE IMPLEMENTING A GAS SERVICE FRANCHISE FEE ON
CENTERPOINT ENERGY RESOURCES CORP. d/b/a CENTERPOINT ENERGY
MINNESOTA GAS, A DELAWARE CORPORATION, ITS SUCCESSORS AND
ASSIGNS, FOR PROVIDING GAS SERVICE WITHIN THE CITY OF LAKEVILLE**

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEVILLE, MINNESOTA, ORDAINS:

Section 1. Purpose. The Lakeville City Council has determined that it is in the best interest of the City to impose a franchise fee on those public utility companies that provide gas services within the City of Lakeville. Pursuant to City Ordinance No. 860, a Franchise Agreement between the City of Lakeville and CenterPoint Energy Resources Corp. d/b/a CenterPoint Energy Minnesota Gas, a Delaware corporation, its successors and assigns, (“Company”) the City has the right to impose a franchise fee on the Company.

Section 2. Terms. A franchise fee is hereby imposed on the Company under its gas franchise in accordance with the amount and fee design set forth in the fee schedule attached as Exhibit A to this Ordinance commencing with the Company’s April 2025 billing month.

This fee is an account-based fee on each premise and not a meter-based fee. In the event that an entity covered by this ordinance has more than one meter at a single premise, but only one account, only one fee shall be assessed to that account. If a premise has two or more meters being billed at different rates, the Company may have an account for each rate classification, which will result in more than one franchise fee assessment for gas service to that premise. If the Company combines the rate classifications into a single account, the franchise fee assessed to the account will be the largest franchise fee applicable to a single rate classification for energy delivered to that premise. In the event any entities covered by this ordinance have more than one premise, each premise (address) shall be subject to the appropriate fee. In the event a question arises as to the proper fee amount for any premise, the Company’s manner of billing for energy used at all similar premises in the City will control.

Section 3. Payment and Fee Modification. The franchise fee shall be payable quarterly and shall be based on the amount collected by Company during complete billing months during the period for which payment is to be made. The payment shall be due the last business day of the month following the period for which the payment is made. Such fee shall not exceed any amount that the Company may legally charge to its customers prior to payment to the City by imposing a surcharge equivalent to such fee in its rates for gas service. The franchise fee may be increased or decreased by ordinance from time to time, however any such change may not occur more often than annually. No franchise fee shall be payable by Company if Company is unable to first collect an amount equal to the franchise fee from its customers in each applicable class of customers by imposing a surcharge in Company’s applicable rates for gas service. Company may pay the City the fee based upon the surcharge billed subject to subsequent reductions to account for uncollectibles, refunds and correction of erroneous

billings. Company agrees to make its records available for inspection by the City at reasonable times provided that the City and its designated representative agree in writing not to disclose any information which would indicate the amount paid by any identifiable customer or customers or any other information regarding identified customers that is non-public by law.

Section 4. Surcharge. The City recognizes that the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission may allow the Company to add a surcharge to customer rates of City residents to reimburse the Company for the cost of the fee. The Company agrees that it is prohibited from adding an administrative fee of any kind on to the franchise fee.

Section 5. Enforcement. Any dispute, including enforcement of a default regarding this ordinance will be resolved in accordance with Section 2.6 of the Franchise Agreement.

Section 6. Effective Date of Franchise Fee. The effective date of fee collection shall be April 1, 2025 or ninety (90) days after the City sends written notice enclosing a copy of this adopted Ordinance to the Company by certified mail, whichever date is later.

Effective Date. This ordinance becomes effective from and after its passage and publication.

ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Lakeville, Minnesota this 2nd day of December, 2024.

CITY OF LAKEVILLE

BY: 
Luke Hellier, Mayor

ATTEST:


Ann Orlofsky, City Clerk

EXHIBIT A

CENTERPOINT ENERGY GAS FRANCHISE

FEE SCHEDULE

<u>Class</u>	<u>Monthly Fee per Customer</u>
Residential/Firm A	\$6.00
Firm B	\$35.00
Firm C	\$120.00
Small Volume Dual Fuel A (SVDF A)	\$120.00
Small Volume Dual Fuel B (SVDF B)	\$120.00
Large Volume Dual Fuel (LVDF)	\$120.00
Large Volume Firm (LGS/LVF)	\$120.00

Franchise fees are to be collected monthly by the Company in the amounts set forth in the above schedule, and remitted to the city on a quarterly basis as follows:

- January – March collections due by April 30.
- April – June collections due by July 31.
- July – September collections due by October 31.
- October – December collections due by January 31.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on December 2nd, 2024, Ordinance No. 1096 was adopted by the City Council of the City of Lakeville.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that, because of the lengthy nature of Ordinance No. 1096, the following summary of the Ordinance has been prepared for publication:

This Ordinance imposes a gas energy franchise fee on Centerpoint Energy Resources Corp. for providing gas energy service within the City of Lakeville, Minnesota. The Ordinance provides for the imposition, monthly collection, quarterly payment and periodic auditing of a franchise fee at the following rates:

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A printed copy of the entire ordinance is available for inspection by any person during the City Clerk's regular office hours.

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BY: 
Luke M. Hellier, Mayor

ATTEST:



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