

# Our Net-Zero Gas Goal

The natural gas system is a key part of our clean energy strategy and transition to a net-zero energy future. During the transition, our system provides customers with efficient, reliable heating during the winter months, which is critical in the cold climates we serve. The natural gas system also plays a critical role in our continued clean energy progress. Our customers' investments in our system do not stand in the way of our clean energy transformation—they enable it.

## The Path to Clean Heat

Our goal is to reduce greenhouse gas emissions 25% from the supply, distribution and customer use of natural gas by 2030, on our way to providing net-zero gas service by 2050.

We're deploying a portfolio of solutions to achieve these goals while maintaining reliable heating service and controlling customer costs. Low-cost energy service is important to all customers, especially customers in need.

Our portfolio approach makes use of electrification while recognizing that electric heating technologies can't do it all, especially in the cold climates we serve. We also need clean gas options and advanced technologies, such as hydrogen, to continue serving customers while we reduce emissions. We will need to maintain our natural gas system to support these options. And we need to provide customers with options to reduce emissions while meeting their energy service needs.

### Our portfolio of solutions includes:

#### 1. Tackling methane

- Accelerate repair work and improve operations to achieve net-zero methane emissions on our natural gas system by 2030.
- Purchase only natural gas with certified low-methane emissions by 2030.

#### 2. Cutting carbon emissions from homes and businesses through a range of voluntary options

- Increase conservation options for customers.
- Pilot advanced electric water heaters, dual-fuel air source heat pumps with backup natural gas furnaces and all-electric new building developments.
- Develop low-carbon fuels such as hydrogen and renewable natural gas.
- Take advantage of new federal incentives to lower customer costs — the funding is consistent with our strategy and can enable participation.

#### 3. Building the market for carbon offsets

- Reduce or remove greenhouse gases emitted across the economy.

## Let's Get Started

### Actions to take now

- Advocate for public policies that promote customer choice, affordability and clean energy.
- Support cost recovery for certified low-emissions natural gas.
- Expand energy conservation and take advantage of available programs and rebates.
- Advance new technologies and participate in pilot programs for efficient electric and gas heating appliances.
- Pilot hydrogen or district geothermal for your community or building use.
- Support clean fuels and participate in a new customer program, coming soon.
- Encourage development of offset programs.

Our clean energy goal for natural gas is part of our comprehensive commitment to providing net-zero energy by 2050, including 100% carbon-free electricity.

## Interested in learning more?

Contact your Xcel Energy account manager or other representative or scan the QR code to learn more about our clean energy plans.

