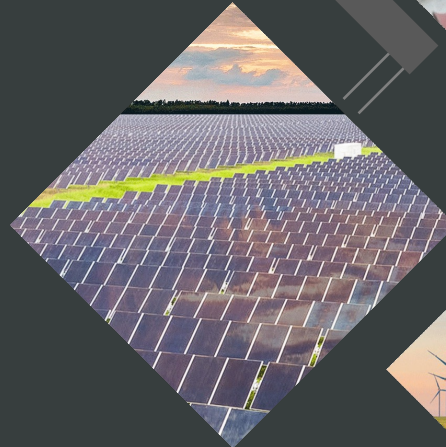


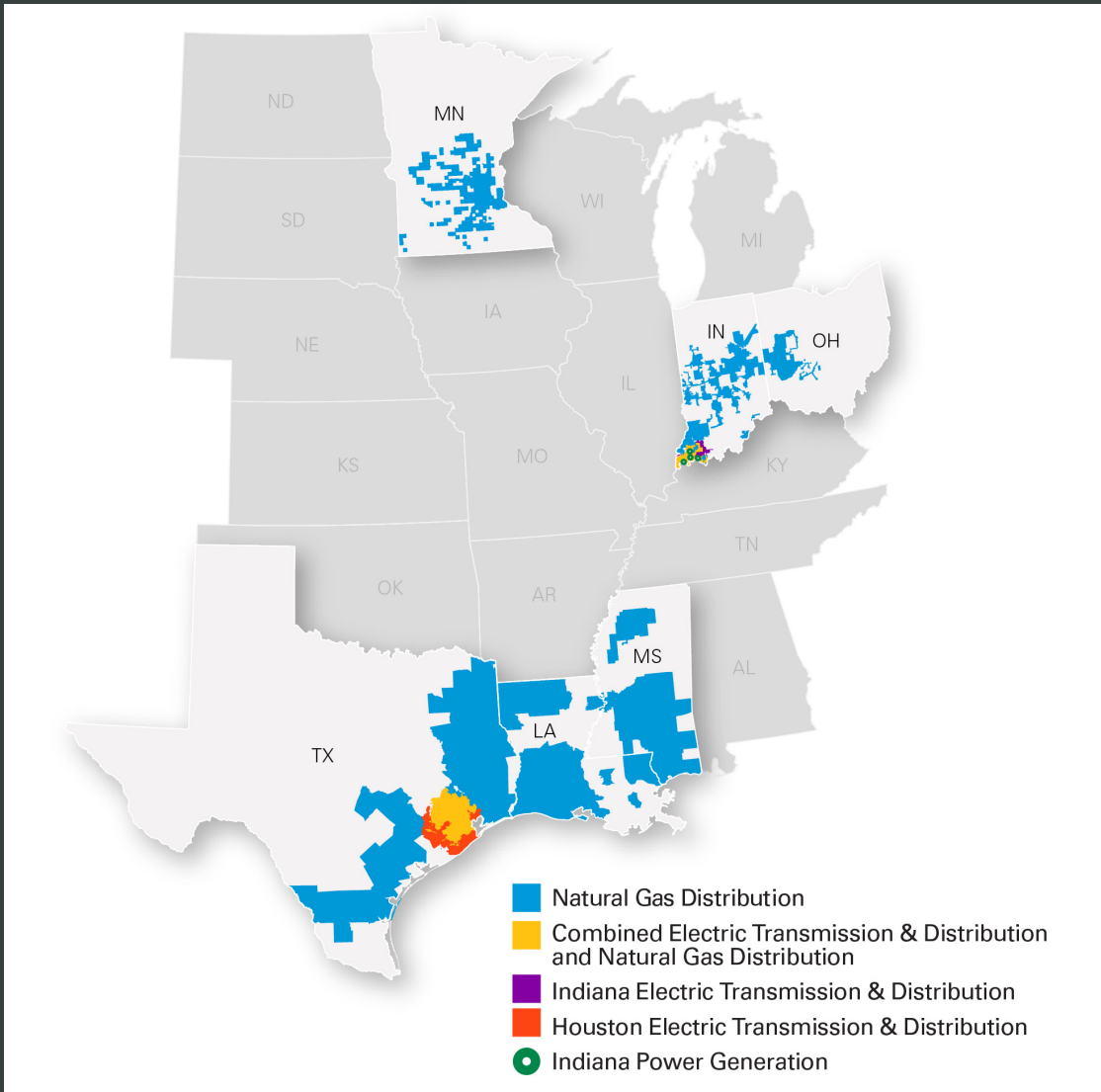
Natural Gas Utility Energy Efficiency Programs

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Who We Are



As of December 31, 2022

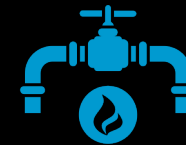
Electric Transmission & Distribution and Power Generation



approximately
2.9 million
 METERED CUSTOMERS

2
 states

Natural Gas Distribution



approximately
4.3 million
 METERED CUSTOMERS

6
 states

Energy Efficiency Programs in Texas

- ✓ A legislative framework has existed for electric utilities for several decades
- ✓ HB 2263 (2023) created a framework for natural gas utilities

1 AN ACT
2 relating to the authority of a natural gas local distribution
3 company to offer energy conservation programs.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
5 SECTION 1. Chapter 104, Utilities Code, is amended by
6 adding Subchapter J to read as follows:
7 SUBCHAPTER J. NATURAL GAS ENERGY CONSERVATION PROGRAMS
8 Sec. 104.401. DEFINITIONS. In this subchapter:
9 (1) "Energy conservation program" means a program that
10 promotes energy conservation or energy efficiency.
11 (2) "Local distribution company" means a gas utility
12 that operates a retail gas distribution system.
13 Sec. 104.402. ENERGY CONSERVATION PROGRAM AUTHORITY. (a)
14 A local distribution company may offer to customers and prospective
15 customers and provide to customers an energy conservation program
16 in the manner provided by this subchapter.
17 (b) The railroad commission has exclusive original
18 jurisdiction over energy conservation programs implemented by
19 local distribution companies.
20 (c) A political subdivision served by a local distribution
21 company that implements an energy conservation program approved by
22 the railroad commission under this subchapter may not limit,
23 restrict, or otherwise prevent an eligible customer from
24 participating in the energy conservation program based on the type

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WITNESS LIST

HB 2263
HOUSE COMMITTEE REPORT
Energy Resources Committee
March 27, 2023 - 2:30 PM or upon final adjourn./recess or bill referral if permission granted

For :

- Flippin, Kenneth (Self; US Green Building Council Texas Chapter)
- King-Bush, Jasmine (Self; Texas Gas Service)
- Reed, Cyrus (Lone Star Chapter Sierra Club)
- Ryan, Jason (CenterPoint Energy)
- Shelley, Adrian (Public Citizen)

Registering, but not testifying:

For :

- Amare, Tsion (Environmental Defense Fund)
- Cannon, Thure (Texas Pipeline Association)
- Garcia, Buddy (ARX Energy)
- Grande, Rebecca (Texas Association of Business)
- Hale, J.D. (Texas Association of Builders)
- Minick, Stephen (Republic Services)
- Placke, Vetonique (Self)
- Spilman, Annie (NFIB)

Against :

- Lincoln, Colore (Self)

Examples of Gas Energy Efficiency Programs

1



Low-flow
shower
heads and
faucet
aerators

2



Rebates for
higher-
efficiency
home
appliances

3



Rebates for
higher-
efficiency
commercial
kitchen
equipment

4



Education
about energy
conservation

What's Next?

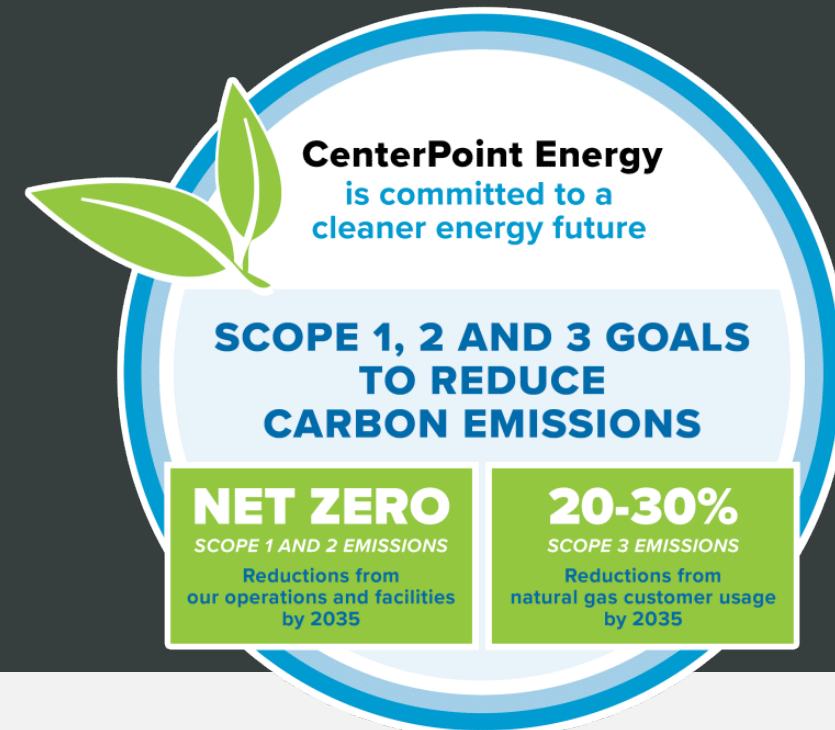
- Potential RRC rule (not required)
- Gas utility proposals filed with the RRC
- Implementation of gas utility energy efficiency programs

Benefits

- Ccf reduction
- Bill management
- Customer retention

Costs

- ❑ \$MM / year
- ❑ Add < \$1 / month (typical residential bill)



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is committed to a
cleaner energy future

**SCOPE 1, 2 AND 3 GOALS
TO REDUCE
CARBON EMISSIONS**

NET ZERO SCOPE 1 AND 2 EMISSIONS Reductions from our operations and facilities by 2035	20-30% SCOPE 3 EMISSIONS Reductions from natural gas customer usage by 2035
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