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PARTNERSHIP PLANNING QUESTIONS

1. What is the initial vision of the lead partner/Partnership?

CenterPoint Energy Minnegasco (Minnegasco) has a longstanding commitment to conservation improvement programs (CIP). Minnegasco maintains its financial commitment to CIP that achieves cost-effective energy conservation, provides a balance between residential and commercial market segments and ensures the needs of low-income and renters are met.

2. What is the Partnership's initial focus and structure?

Minnegasco serves more than 700,000 customers in 246 Minnesota communities with natural gas and home products and services. The company's residential market segment has approximately 643,000 customers, and their commercial/industrial market segment consists of approximately 60,000 customer accounts. Minnegasco's conservation improvement plan provides program offerings to ensure that all market segments have both educational and direct-impact programs for all market segments:

The Residential market:

Direct-impact projects	Educational projects
High Efficiency Equipment Rebate	Residential Energy Audit
Low-Flow Showerhead Project	
Low-Income Weatherization Project	
Non-Profit Affordable Housing	

The Commercial/Industrial market:

Direct-impact projects	Educational projects
Foodservice Equipment Rebate	Foodservice training Facility
Custom "Process" Rebate	Industrial Audit
Commercial Boiler Tune-Up Rebate	Custom Energy Analysis
C/I Heating System Rebate	Training Seminars
Distributed Generation Pilot Project	Building Recommissioning Pilot
	Multi-Family Facility Assessment
	Affordable Rental New Construction Pilot

3. Who does the Partnership identify as potential "partners"? What are the proposed responsibilities of these "partners"?

Minnegasco tracks CIP expenditures and savings for three market sectors: residential, commercial / industrial and other. The Minnesota Department of Commerce State Energy Office Rebuild Minnesota staff will allocate energy savings for Minnegasco's three market sectors into Rebuild America's five market sectors as follows:

Minnegasco market segment

Rebuild America market sector

Residential

Public and multi family housing

Commercial/Industrial

Allocated between commercial buildings, colleges & universities, k-12 schools and state and local government

Other

Allocated between all Rebuild America market sectors as appropriate

The "partners" of the Minnegasco partnership will be its numerous customers that take advantage of Minnegasco's various CIP programs, as well as its trade allies who deliver those programs.

4. What are the Partnership's targeted building sectors?

Customers throughout the Minnegasco service territory participating in the company's various CIP programs.

5. What are the Partnership's initial goals for building performance, EE projects and activities? Square footage? Energy reduction?

For each year of the biennial period of 2003-2004, Minnegasco plans to spend the following on CIP programs with the resultant energy savings shown:

CIP Expenditures & Savings in EACH of Calendar Years 2003 & 2004

Market Segment	Participation	Expenditures	Energy Savings, MCF
Residential	21,740	\$2,964,400	145,059
Commercial/Industrial	2,429	\$3,069,896	574,838
Other	N/A	\$308,500	N/A
Total Program	24,169	\$6,342,796	719,897

6. How will building improvements fit in with local priorities?

Partner participation in CIP programs is voluntary.

7. How will the activities of the Partnerships be supported?

Minnegasco is required to support CIP programs by Minnesota Statutes 216B.241. Minnegasco's CIP expenditures will be 0.63 percent of its 1999 gross operating revenue.

8. What is the Partnership's time frame-schedule?

Partner participation is ongoing. Stated goals are expected to be achieved by the end of calendar year 2004.