

**CITY OF GLYNDON, CLAY COUNTY, MINNESOTA**

**ORDINANCE NO. 123**

**AN ORDINANCE GRANTING TO NORTHERN STATES POWER COMPANY, A MINNESOTA CORPORATION, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, PERMISSION TO ERECT A GAS DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM FOR THE PURPOSE OF INSTALLING, ENLARGING, OPERATING, REPAIRING AND MAINTAINING IN THE CITY OF GLYNDON, MINNESOTA, THE NECESSARY GAS PIPES, MAINS AND APPURTENANCES FOR THE TRANSMISSION OR DISTRIBUTION OF GAS TO SAID CITY AND ITS INHABITANTS AND OTHERS AND TRANSMITTING GAS INTO AND THROUGH SAID CITY, AND TO USE THE PUBLIC WAYS AND PUBLIC GROUNDS OF SAID CITY FOR SUCH PURPOSE.**

**THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GLYNDON, CLAY COUNTY, MINNESOTA, DOES ORDAIN:**

Section 1. There be and hereby is granted to Northern States Power Company, a Minnesota corporation, its successors and assigns, hereinafter referred to as "Company", for a period of 25 years from the date hereof, the right and privilege of erecting a gas distribution system in the City of Glyndon, Clay County, Minnesota, hereinafter referred to as "City", and using the public ways and public grounds of City for the purpose of installing, operating, repairing, and maintaining, in, on, over, under, and across the same, all gas pipes, mains, and appurtenances, usually, conveniently, or necessarily used in connection therewith, for the purpose of the transmission of gas, or the distribution of gas, for public and private use within the limits of City as its boundaries exist or as they may be extended in the future, and for the purpose of transmitting gas into and through the City. Company may also do all reasonable things necessary or customary to accomplish these purposes subject, however, to the further provisions of this franchise. "Gas" as used herein shall be held to include natural gas, manufactured gas, or other form of gaseous energy.

Section 2. The gas transmission or distribution service to be provided and the rates to be charged by Company for service in the City shall be subject to the jurisdiction of the Public Utilities Commission of this State. Company shall provide reasonably efficient and adequate service to members of the public within the City who apply for such service in accordance with the rules and regulations of Company.

To enable the Company to extend its distribution facilities for providing gas services to new customers of the Company in the City, City agrees that Company may impose a surcharge on the bills of its customers located in the City in accordance with rates approved, or regulations issued, by the Commission.

Section 3. The Company shall indemnify, keep and hold the City free and harmless from any and all liability on account of injury to persons or damage to property occasioned by the construction, maintenance, repair, inspection, the issuance of permits, or the operation of the gas facilities located in the City. The City shall not be indemnified for losses or claims occasioned through its own negligence except for losses or claims arising out of or alleging the City's negligence as to the issuance of permits for, or inspection of, the Company's plans or work. The City shall not be indemnified if the injury or damage results from the performance in a proper manner of acts reasonably deemed hazardous by Company, and such performance is nevertheless ordered or directed by City after notice of Company's determination.

In the event a suit is brought against the City under circumstances where this agreement to indemnify applies, the Company at its sole cost and expense shall defend the City in such suit if written notice thereof is promptly given to the Company within a period wherein the Company is not prejudiced by lack of such notice. If the Company is required to indemnify and defend, it will thereafter have control of such litigation, but the Company may not settle such litigation without the consent of the City, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld. This section is not, as to third parties, a waiver of any defense or immunity otherwise available to the City; and the Company, in defending any action on behalf of the City shall be entitled to assert in any action every defense or immunity that the City could assert in its own behalf.

Section 4. The City shall give the Company at least two weeks prior written notice of a proposed vacation of a public way. Except where required solely for a City improvement project, the vacation of any public way, after the installation of gas facilities, shall not operate to deprive Company of its rights to operate and maintain such gas facilities, until the reasonable cost of relocating the same and the loss and expense resulting from such relocation are first paid to Company. In no case, however, shall City be liable to the Company for failure to specifically preserve a right-of-way under Minnesota Statutes, Section 160.29.

Section 5. Company shall have full right and authority to assign to any person, persons, firm, or corporation all the rights conferred upon it by this Ordinance, provided that the assignee of such rights, by accepting such assignment, shall become subject to the terms and provisions of this Ordinance.

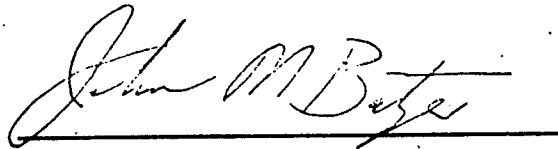
Section 6. Company shall, if it accepts this Ordinance and the rights and obligations hereby granted, file a written acceptance of the rights hereby granted with the City Clerk within ninety (90) days after the final passage and any required publication of this Ordinance.

Section 7. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, any publication required by law, and acceptance by Company.

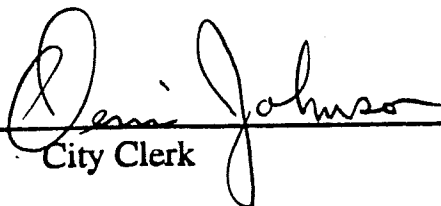
Section 8. Where a provision of any other Ordinance conflicts with the provisions of this Ordinance, the provisions of this Ordinance shall prevail.

Section 9. Any notice to Company required under this Ordinance, shall be mailed to the President, Gas Utility, 825 Rice Street, St. Paul, Minnesota, 55117. Notice to City shall be mailed to the CITY CLERK.

Passed and approved: December 14, 1994.

  
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Mayor

Attest:

  
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City Clerk