

Benefits of Gas Municipalization

1. Local money stays in the community
2. Pocahontas has the technical capability to operate the natural gas system at the same cost or less as Black Hills Energy since we already operate 4 other utilities.
3. Revenue generated by a municipal natural gas utility would provide property tax relief to residents and businesses in the community.
4. Our proposed Pocahontas Cares Program would utilize local appliance repairmen and keep money local instead of sending it to out of town.
5. The natural gas utility would help fund recreational programs, economic development, police, fire, street maintenance, and other programs the City currently operates.
6. Research has shown that a municipal natural gas utility in Pocahontas has the potential of saving citizens up to \$2.5 million over the next 20 years.
7. A municipal natural gas utility is managed by the local community, not an out-of-state corporation.
8. Pocahontas Municipal Utilities has a local office and local staff on-call 24 hours a day to help customers deal with billing and service issues, the current natural gas utility does not.
9. Pocahontas Municipal Utilities has a history of providing exceptional reliability to our utility customers. (Remember the '09 ice storm that caused people outside of the community to lose their power for several days).
10. Pocahontas Municipal Utilities is dedicated to providing the safest and most reliable service to our customers and has a proven record.