

Hibbing Public Utilities  
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## **Subject: NATURAL GAS INSPECTIONS**

Natural gas service to a facility will not begin until an HPUC inspection has been conducted and passed. The HPUC has the right to inspect a customer's natural gas installation prior to rendering service and as needed thereafter, but the HPUC assumes no responsibility as a result of having made such inspection.

### **Certification of Inspection**

Upon completion of natural gas service, natural gas piping, or the installation of any natural gas equipment it is the responsibility of the customer to request a natural gas piping inspection. The HPUC gas inspector will inspect a natural gas installation within 48 hours of the time that an inspection request is received. If the natural gas installation is found to be in compliance with the HPUC procedures and regulations, the inspector will make the necessary connections to the main natural gas service. No energized connection will be made to any natural gas piping until the *Certification of Inspection* has been signed and submitted by the inspector. Inspections will not be performed on weekends or holidays. Inspections will be done on Monday for any requests received Friday.

The HPUC *Certification of Inspection* is required in the following situations:

- 1) A new natural gas service line is installed or an old line is replaced.
- 2) An alteration or addition is made to the existing natural gas piping of any building or structure.
- 3) Connection is made with a natural gas service pipe
- 4) Installation is made of a natural gas furnace, conversion burner, natural gas stove, hot plate, hot water heater, clothes dryer or any other natural gas appliance.

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