

# ESG/Sustainability Quantitative Information



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## Natural Gas Distribution

		<b><u>All methane leak sources per 98.232 (j) (1-6) are included for Distribution. Combustion sources are excluded. CO<sub>2</sub> is excluded.</u></b>
<b>Methane Emissions and Mitigation from Distribution Mains</b>		
<b>Number of Gas Distribution Customers <sup>(1)</sup></b>	925,179	
<b>Distribution Mains in Service <sup>(1)</sup></b>	14,708	These metrics should include all local distribution companies (LDCs) held by the Parent Company that are above the LDC Facility reporting threshold for EPA's 40 C.F.R. 98, Subpart W reporting rule.
Plastic ( <i>miles</i> )	8,924	
Cathodically Protected Steel - Bare & Coated ( <i>miles</i> )	5,632	
Unprotected Steel - Bare & Coated ( <i>miles</i> )	152	
Cast Iron / Wrought Iron - without upgrades ( <i>miles</i> )	-	
<b>Plan/Commitment to Replace / Upgrade Remaining Miles of Distribution Mains (# years to complete)</b>		These metrics should provide the number of years remaining to take out of service, replace or upgrade cathodically unprotected steel mains, and cast iron/wrought iron mains, consistent with applicable state utility commission authorizations.
Unprotected Steel (Bare & Coated) ( <i># years to complete</i> )	-	<sup>(2)</sup> Optional: # yrs by pipe type.
Cast Iron / Wrought Iron ( <i># years to complete</i> )	-	Optional: # yrs by pipe type.
<b>Distribution CO<sub>2</sub>e Fugitive Emissions <sup>(3)</sup></b>		
<b>CO<sub>2</sub>e Fugitive Methane Emissions from Gas Distribution Operations (<i>metric tons</i>)</b>	92,787	<u>Fugitive methane emissions (not CO<sub>2</sub> combustion emissions) stated as CO<sub>2</sub>e, as reported to EPA under 40 CFR 98, Subpart W, sections 98.236(q)(3)(ix)(D), 98.236(r)(1)(v), and 98.236(r)(2)(v)(B) - i.e., this is Subpart W methane emissions as input below and converted to CO<sub>2</sub>e here.</u> This metric should include fugitive methane emissions above the reporting threshold for all natural gas local distribution companies (LDCs) held by the Parent Company that are above the LDC Facility reporting threshold for EPA's 40 C.F.R. 98, Subpart W reporting rule. <u>Calculated value based on mt CH<sub>4</sub> input below.</u>
<b>CH<sub>4</sub> Fugitive Methane Emissions from Gas Distribution Operations (<i>metric tons</i>)</b>	3,711	<u>INPUT VALUE (total mt CH<sub>4</sub>) as explained in definition above. Subpart W input is CH<sub>4</sub> (mt).</u>
CH <sub>4</sub> Fugitive Methane Emissions from Gas Distribution Operations (MMSCF/year)	193	
<b>Annual Natural Gas Throughput from Gas Distribution Operations in thousands of standard cubic feet (<i>Mscf/year</i>)</b>	180,123,590	This metric provides gas throughput from distribution (quantity of natural gas delivered to end users) reported under Subpart W, 40 C.F.R. 98.236(aa)(9)(iv), as reported on the Subpart W e-GRRT integrated reporting form in the "Facility Overview" worksheet Excel form, Quantity of natural gas delivered to end users (column 4).
Annual Methane Gas Throughput from Gas Distribution Operations in millions of standard cubic feet (MMscf/year)	171,117	
<b>Fugitive Methane Emissions Rate</b>	0.1130%	Calculated annual metric: (MMSFC methane emissions/MMSCF methane throughput)

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## Natural Gas Transmission and Storage

<b><u>All methane leak sources per 98.232 (e) (1-8), (f)(1-8), and (m) are included for Transmission and Storage. Combustion sources are excluded. CO<sub>2</sub> and N<sub>2</sub>O are excluded.</u></b>		
<b>Transmission Pipelines, Blow Down Volumes, and Fugitive Emissions</b>		
<b>Total Miles of Transmission Pipeline Operated by gas utility (miles)</b>	16,345	
<b>Volume of Transmission Pipeline Blow Down Emissions - outside storage and compression facilities <sup>(4)</sup>:</b>		As reported to EPA under 40 CFR 98, Subpart W.
Scf natural gas - pipeline throughput	1,520,510,194,000	
Scf natural gas - pipeline blowdowns	291,587,240	
Metric tons CO <sub>2</sub> e - pipeline blowdowns	125,121	
<b>Underground Natural Gas Storage Emissions <sup>(5)</sup></b>		
Storage Compressor Station Emissions (metric tons CO <sub>2</sub> e)	45,548	As reported to EPA under 40 CFR 98, Subpart W.
Storage Facility Wellhead Component Fugitive Emissions (metric tons of CO <sub>2</sub> e)	48,621	Utilizing EPA emissions factors, as reported to EPA under Subpart W, 40 CFR 98.236, on the e-GRRT integrated reporting form, "Equipment Leaks Surveys and Population Counts [98.236 (q, r)]" tab.
<b>CO<sub>2</sub>e Emissions from Transmission and Storage Compression</b>		
CO <sub>2</sub> e Emissions from Transmission Pipelines (metric tons)	2,063,297	CO <sub>2</sub> combustion emissions as reported to EPA under 40 CFR 98, Subpart C and methane emissions stated as CO <sub>2</sub> e as reported under Subpart W.
CO <sub>2</sub> e Emissions for Storage Facilities (metric tons) <sup>(5)</sup>	162,363	CO <sub>2</sub> combustion emissions as reported to EPA under 40 CFR 98, Subpart C and methane emissions stated as CO <sub>2</sub> e as reported under Subpart W.
<b>Conventional Air Emissions from Transmission and Storage Compression</b>		
Emissions reported for all permitted sources (minor or major)		The number of permitted sources for conventional emissions may not be the same number of sources reporting under the EPA GHG reporting rule.
NO <sub>x</sub> (metric tons per year)	11,184	Companies may wish to describe which, or how many, sources are included in the conventional pollutants data and whether the CO <sub>2</sub> e data reported includes all of these sources.
VOC (metric tons per year)	542	

## Natural Gas Gathering and Boosting

<b>Methane Emissions</b>		
<b>Gathering and Boosting Pipelines, Blow Down Volumes, and Emissions</b>		
Total Miles of Gathering Pipeline Operated by gas utility (miles)	NA	
Volume of Gathering Pipeline Blow Down Emissions (scf)	NA	This metric is collected to support calculations under EPA 40 CFR 98, Subpart W.
Gathering Pipeline Blow-Down Emissions outside storage and compression facilities (metric tons CO <sub>2</sub> e)	NA	
<b>CO<sub>2</sub>e Combustion Emissions from Gathering and Boosting Compression</b>		
CO <sub>2</sub> e Emissions for Gathering & Boosting Compression Stations (metric tons)	NA	CO <sub>2</sub> combustion emissions as reported to EPA under 40 CFR 98, Subpart C, as directed in Subpart W, 98.232(k).
<b>Conventional Combustion Emissions from Gathering and Boosting Compression</b>		
Emissions reported for all permitted sources (minor or major)		The number of permitted sources for conventional emissions may not be the same number of sources reporting under the EPA GHG reporting rule.
NO <sub>x</sub> (metric tons per year)	NA	Companies may wish to describe which, or how many, sources are included in the conventional pollutants data and whether the CO <sub>2</sub> e data reported includes all of these sources.
VOC (metric tons per year)	NA	

## Comments

- (1) Natural gas distribution customers and distribution mains include MidAmerican Energy Company and Sierra Pacific Power Company.
- (2) Replacement is targeted under the MidAmerican Energy Company distribution integrity management plan which is a priority-based program focusing on relative risk.
- (3) Natural gas distribution emissions do not include the Sierra Pacific Power Company distribution system as it is below the reporting threshold for the USEPA GHG Subpart W.
- (4) The blowdown emissions have only been aggregated for facilities subject to the reporting for the USEPA GHG Subpart C and Subpart W and do not include the Kern River Gas Transmission system.
- (5) The storage emissions have only been aggregated for facilities subject to the reporting for the USEPA GHG Subpart C and Subpart W and do not include the Kern River Gas Transmission system.