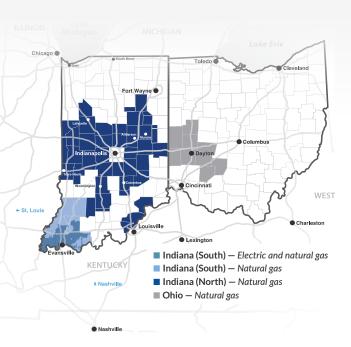
# About CenterPoint Energy.

With CenterPoint Energy, companies locating in our Indiana and Ohio service area can be assured they will be working with one of the most forward-thinking energy companies in the nation.

CenterPoint Energy provides gas and/or electricity to more than 1 million customers in adjoining service territories that cover nearly two-thirds of Indiana and about 20% of Ohio, primarily in the west-central area.



# CenterPoint Energy Economic Development

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Partner with one of the Midwest's largest public utilities

Ensure success with a highly-skilled workforce

Grow in a business-friendly environment





## **CenterPoint Energy Corporation**

As one of the largest electric and natural gas utilities in the Midwest, CenterPoint Energy has established itself as a leader in helping Indiana and Ohio foster job growth and new capital investment through its economic development initiatives, including its:

- Prime industrial land holdings in our service territory that would be ideal for companies locating facilities in the Midwest; and
- Incentive rates to qualifying non-residential customers through its Economic Development and Area Development Rider for electric service.

### CenterPoint Energy economic development

CenterPoint Energy Economic Development focuses much of its efforts on working with interested companies to create high-skill, high-wage jobs in the Midwest.
CenterPoint Energy Economic Development can:

- Serve as a single point of contact during the development process;
- Conduct confidential site and community tours:
- Provide estimates on energy costs; and
- Arrange introductions to local civic and business leaders.

### Facts about our region

Indiana and Ohio are longtime leaders in advanced manufacturing, and both states have taken proactive steps to strengthen their business-driven outlook. Companies locating in Indiana and Ohio can take advantage of both states':

- Low cost of doing business, thanks to competitive workers' compensation rates, low energy costs and favorable tax climate;
- Advanced logistics network, including world-class highway, rail and port systems;
- Certified sites, which ensure a streamlined permitting and building process; and
- Existing supply chains in key industries such as agriculture, automotive, aerospace, pharmaceutical, plastics and glass.

## **Business-friendly environment**

- The Dayton region's population has grown 4.5% in the past 10 years and is home to three of Ohio's top ten universities (Forbes Magazine in 2015).
- Ohio is ranked third in the nation for business climate (Site Selection Magazine 2016) and has a \$1.4 billion budget surplus.
- Indiana has a AAA bond rating from all three rating agencies and is ranked first in government efficiency (2017 U.S. News).
- Indiana is ranked second in the nation for cost of doing business (CNBC) and has the best regulatory environment in the nation (Pacific Research Institute).
- CenterPoint Energy's service area is within a day's drive of 75% of the U.S. population.

#### Midwestern work ethic

Skilled, reliable workers are key to a company's success. Companies searching for educated and dependable employees need not look any further than Indiana and Ohio to find some of the most productive, efficient workers in the nation.

Companies locating in Indiana and Ohio will benefit from both states':

- Combined total resident labor force of more than 9.2 million workers, and a labor force participation rate that tracks above the national average;
- Outstanding worker productivity consistently ranked among the top in the country; and
- Numerous training assistance programs offered by the Indiana Department of Workforce Development and the Ohio Department of Development.

#### **Higher education**

CenterPoint Energy's service area is also home to some of the top colleges and universities in the country that produce highly-skilled talent. These institutions, many of which boast nationally-ranked science, engineering, business and supply-chain management programs, include: Indiana University, Purdue University, Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology, University of Dayton, University of Evansville, Ball State University, Vincennes University, University of Southern Indiana, Sinclair Community College, Indiana State University and Wright State University.

This pipeline of talent ensures that workers in Indiana and Ohio possess the training and expertise needed to meet the demands of evolving business markets.