

Draft Frequent Q & A for Village of Hamilton Natural Gas System  
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**Who will own and operate the system?**

The Village of Hamilton will own and operate the system just as we do our electric utility. We will contract for the system to be built this year so that Colgate, Community Memorial Hospital and the Hamilton Central School are receiving gas from the system by late summer

**When can I be hooked up?** If you are on the initial route service our goal is to offer service this year. Our 2012 referendum stipulated a budget of \$6 million dollars so we have tried to plan the initial route to stay within that budget. The route will be extended as budget and the economics (enough customers on a street) allow.

**Who will own the meter that comes to my house?** The Village will own and maintain the pipe and meter that come to your house. There will not be any meters inside of residences.

**Why is there a service charge?** Our natural gas system is new with many start-up costs including the planning, engineering, and construction which are covered by the 20 year, 6 million dollar bond that must be paid. Service charge for individual homes is \$35.00 per month

**Is there a charge if service with meter is brought to my house but I don't use it?** If we run the service and install a meter at your home, there will be a \$35.00 a month service charge

**Do I need a new furnace to use gas?** Please check with your heating contractor to determine what your cost will be to convert to a natural gas heating system. You may be able to convert your current system without having to replace the entire unit, but please check with your heating contractor. The contractor will also be the one who hooks up your system from the meter to your heating unit and appliances.

**Will I need to get a permit to put in new heating equipment?** Yes. Customers within the Village or Towns will need a permit from our codes officer and he/she will also be required to inspect your system, with your heating contractor present, when the system is pressurized per State law. Permit fee to be determined.

**Will my meter need to be changed if I use gas for heat and decide months later to convert my appliances or water heater to natural gas?** No