

CenterPoint wants to spend \$900M on plants

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A northern Indiana utility wants to build two new natural gas plants, and a pipeline to get the fuel to them, according to CenterPoint Energy. The plants, known as Holmes and Ohio, would help the utility with its transition to net-zero energy.

At a recent meeting, the utility said the plants CenterPoint expects to cost as much as \$900 million.

The two new plants, which serve customers in northern Indiana, will be built near the town of Ellettsburg, Ind. The plants are expected to be built by 2025, according to CenterPoint. The utility said the plants will provide a reliable source of power as it moves away from coal and nuclear power.

"We have not yet decided whether we will build the plants, and we are still in the early stages of planning," said a CenterPoint spokesman. "We are looking at the costs and benefits of the plants, and we are also looking at the impact on the environment and the community."

The utility said the plants would be built on a 100-acre site near the town of Ellettsburg. The plants would be built by a subsidiary of CenterPoint, and the utility would own the plants.

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Natural gas lines were required by Warren Township in 2009, according to the utility.

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