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## **Utilities Pursue Pipeline Sales as Natural-Gas Bans Catch On.**

### **Possible sales come as regulators debate fossil fuels' future in home heating and cooking**

Two of the country's largest utility companies are weighing potential sales of parts of their natural-gas pipeline networks as efforts to phase out in-home gas use accelerate.

Dominion Energy Inc. is considering selling its gas-distribution companies serving North Carolina, Ohio and parts of the Western U.S., according to people familiar with the matter. Combined, the assets could be worth as much as \$13 billion, some of the people said, though they are unlikely to be sold all together.

Meanwhile, National Grid PLC is exploring a possible sale of part of its pipeline network serving the Northeast as lawmakers there look to curtail fossil-fuel use, according to people familiar with the matter. One option under discussion at the British utility company is to sell a minority interest in the network, some of the people said.

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