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Gas pipeline upgrades to begin in Kettering

Kettering — Contract crews working for Vectren, a CenterPoint Energy Company, will soon begin replacing gas mains and service lines in Kettering as part of the company's pipeline replacement program, a multi-year program to replace about 700 miles of bare steel and cast-iron pipeline infrastructure throughout Ohio. In Kettering, nearly \$3.2 million will go toward retiring approximately three miles of gas main and more than 300 service lines in 2020. Since 2009, nearly 17 miles have been retired within the city. Vectren intends to retire a total of more than 44 miles in Kettering through the end of the pipeline replacement program.

"In 2020, we continue another year of our pipeline replacement program, modernizing our infrastructure and replacing essentially all of our bare steel and cast-iron pipeline throughout our Ohio territory," said Richard Leger, vice president of Natural Gas Distribution, Indiana and Ohio. "Focused on continuing to meet federal requirements, Vectren remains committed to strengthening our system to ensure continued reliability and safe delivery of natural gas service to our customers for decades to come."

Streets affected during the first project include: Acorn Drive, Colonial Avenue, Harvey Avenue, Orchard Drive, Broad Boulevard and East Drive. Visit <u>www.vectren.com/pipelinereplacement</u> to view an interactive map displaying all streets in Kettering where construction will take place in 2020.

In most cases, a polyethylene (plastic) system is being installed to replace the current bare steel and cast-iron gas pipeline system. First, the gas main will be replaced within the right-of-way, and then the service lines running directly to homes and businesses will be replaced. Upon completion of the project, affected yards, sidewalks and streets will be restored.

"Construction for these pipeline projects may take several weeks to complete, and times may vary based on the size of the project, weather, ground surface/soil and other situations that may arise," said Leger. "Please be assured that Vectren and its contractors will make every effort to complete each project as quickly as possible and minimize impact to customers and the community."

Prior to service replacement, a Vectren representative will contact customers to provide an overview of the required work. Vectren reminds Kettering residents to please keep the following in mind:

- Please exercise caution when driving through the construction zones.
- We urge residents and their children to keep a safe distance away from any work zones.

Kettering is one of more than 40 cities in Ohio undergoing this type of pipeline replacement. Since 2009, more than 430 miles have been retired in Ohio, which has led to a reduction in leak calls and natural gas emissions from the distribution system. For more information about Vectren's gas infrastructure modernization program, visit www.vectren.com/pipelinereplacement.

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