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## CenterPoint Energy begins natural gas pipeline upgrades in Kettering

Multi-year program continues to modernize infrastructure throughout state

**Kettering, Ohio - Feb. 2, 2021** - Contract crews working for CenterPoint Energy have begun replacing natural gas mains and service lines in Kettering as part of the company's pipeline replacement program, a multi-year program to replace approximately 700 miles of bare steel and cast-iron pipeline infrastructure throughout Ohio. In Kettering, more than \$7.3 million will go toward retiring approximately eight miles of gas main and nearly 650 service lines in 2021. Since 2009, more than 25 miles have been retired within the city. CenterPoint Energy intends to retire a total of more than 50 miles in Kettering through the end of the pipeline replacement program.

"As part of our efforts to modernize our infrastructure, we will continue work in 2021 to replace 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. "CenterPoint Energy remains committed to a continued focus on meeting federal requirements and strengthening our system to ensure continued reliability and safe delivery of natural gas service to our customers."

Streets affected during the first project include: S. Dixie Drive, Sacramento Avenue, Carrollton Avenue, Crauder Avenue, Prosser Avenue and Mayo Avenue. Visit <u>www.vectren.com/pipelinereplacement</u> to view an interactive map displaying all streets in Kettering where construction associated with natural gas pipeline upgrades 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, af f ected 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 and other situations that may arise," said Leger. "CenterPoint Energy 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 CenterPoint Energy representative will contact customers to provide an overview of the required work. CenterPoint Energy reminds Kettering residents to please exercise caution when driving through the construction zones. Residents and their children are urged 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 550 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 CenterPoint Energy's gas inf rastructure modernization program in Ohio, visit <u>www.vectren.com/pipelinereplacement</u>.

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