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PSE&G to Upgrade Aging Gas Pipes in Rutherford
New lines will improve reliability and ensure continued safety of gas service

(NEWARK, N.J. – Dec. 16, 2019) – Public Service Electric & Gas Co. (PSE&G) will be working in the Borough of Rutherford to replace approximately 3.22 miles of old gas pipes with new piping -- ensuring a continued safe, clean and reliable gas system well into the future. Beginning the week of Dec. 16, work will take place Monday through Friday between the hours of 7 a.m. and 5 p.m., and some Saturdays, weather permitting.

The gas main replacement portion of the work is expected to take place through spring 2020 in various locations across Rutherford. These upgrades are part of PSE&G's five-year program to replace 875 miles of pipes and other gas infrastructure improvements throughout New Jersey through 2023.

"Like aging roads and bridges, all infrastructure needs to be maintained -- and eventually replaced -- to preserve its integrity. Gas infrastructure is no different," said Joe Forline, vice president of Gas Operations for PSE&G. "PSE&G has 3,600 miles of cast iron pipe, more than any other utility in the country, and the majority of those pipes have been in the ground for decades. After all that time, cast iron and unprotected steel pipes can crack and corrode. The new durable plastic pipes will improve reliability, reduce the possibility of leaks, and ensure the continued safety of gas service for customers."

PSE&G is committed to keeping customers in Rutherford informed about where and when the work will take place. Residents will be notified when work begins in their area by door hangers and social media. Customers can find more information, including a list of streets and video of how the work is performed at www.pseg.com/gaswork.

"We are grateful for the cooperation of Rutherford's residents while our crews work," said Michael Gaffney, senior director of PSE&G's Gas System Modernization Program. "We are proud to be a part of this great community and pleased to know that our upgrades will provide safe, reliable, and cleaner gas service for residents and businesses well into the future."

How the work will be done

Before construction can start, the utility tests soil and digs test holes to verify the location of existing gas pipe. When this preliminary work is complete, PSE&G will begin installing the new gas lines.

- To upgrade the gas lines, we dig trenches, primarily in road surfaces, and lay new pipes block-by-block to minimize disruptions. At the end of each workday, the trenches are filled in and protective plates secured. You will always have access to your driveway.
- After new gas lines are installed. PSE&G technicians will need access your home to replace the service line and gas meter and connected to the new gas main. If your meter is located inside it will be moved to the outside of your home. We contact homeowners to arrange a date and time to do the work. During this reconnection, you can expect to be without gas service for about 4 hours. If you are not able to legally provide access to the property in question (i.e. the property owner) and require landlord approval, please let us know before scheduling an appointment.
- Once your gas meter is moved outside and/or your service is connected to the new main our technician relights all appliances and makes sure they are working safely before leaving a home.
- When work is finished, we repair roads with temporary pavement until the project is complete and the ground settles. Grass areas are disturbed are repaired with temporary dirt. Grass areas are repaired and seeded. Roads are restored with permanent paving in accordance with town ordinance and paving requirements.

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