

PSE&G to Upgrade Aging Gas Pipes in North Arlington

New lines will improve reliability and ensure continued safety of gas service

(NEWARK, N.J. – Feb. 26, 2020) – Public Service Electric & Gas Co. (PSE&G) will be working in North Arlington to replace nearly 7.34 miles of old gas pipes with new piping -- ensuring a continued safe, clean and reliable gas system well into the future. Beginning in March 2020, 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 December 2020 in various locations across North Arlington. 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 infrastructures need to be maintained -- and eventually replaced -- to preserve its integrity. Gas infrastructure is no different," said Michael Gaffney, Senior Director of PSE&G's Gas System Modernization Program. "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."

"We are grateful for the cooperation of North Arlington's residents while our crews make these important gas upgrades," said Vice President of Gas Operations for PSE&G Joe Forline. "We are proud to be a part of this great community and to know that these upgrades will improve safety and reliability for North Arlington businesses and residents for years to come."

PSE&G is committed to keeping customers in North Arlington 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.

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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