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South Jersey Gas to Begin Construction in Wildwood and Wildwood Crest as Part of Storm Hardening

FOLSOM, NJ, October 18, 2016 – South Jersey Gas wants to alert residents, business owners, and motorists in Wildwood and Wildwood Crest, New Jersey that work will begin on or about Monday, October 24 (weather permitting) to convert the natural gas infrastructure system from lower to higher pressure throughout the borough. South Jersey Gas is performing this work to enhance and protect its infrastructure in advance of future significant weather events as part of its System Hardening and Reliability Program. Installation of 2 inch, 4 inch, and 6 inch yellow plastic natural gas mains will take place along New Jersey, Seaview, Atlantic, Pacific, and Ocean Avenues, from East Lavender Road to East Andrews Avenue. Work will also be performed on side streets, including East Buttercup Road, East Morning Glory Road, East Cresse Avenue, East Hildreth Avenue, East Bennett Avenue, East Leaming Avenue, East Hand Avenue, East Rio Grande Avenue, and East Taylor Avenue.

The program's primary focus is to upgrade lower operating pressure distribution systems. Lower pressure systems, by nature, are more susceptible to water intrusion during significant storms with flooding conditions. By upgrading this infrastructure and associated operating pressures, SJG is working to ensure the continued operation of its system during and after a major storm event. All work is coordinated with the appropriate local, county, and state entities.

All excavations will be restored on a daily basis. A temporary repair will be made in most cases until final restoration occurs. Openings in concrete may be temporarily patched with asphalt until final restoration with concrete occurs. Openings made in grass in the fall season may not be restored until the spring in order to facilitate grass growth. Final restorations and paving in the area is anticipated to be completed by the spring of 2017. All restorations are completed in compliance with local and county regulations.

SJG or its contractors will be contacting customers to gain access to properties with gas service to complete this work. Crews will work Monday through Thursday, between 7:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. There is also a possibility that work will be performed with Borough approval during the same timeframe on some Fridays and Saturdays to accommodate customer appointments. If residents have questions or would like more information about this project, please contact the South Jersey Gas Cape May division Construction Coordinator at (609) 465-2900 ext. 6250 and reference the Wildwood/Wildwood Crest project.

ABOUT SOUTH JERSEY GAS

South Jersey Gas, subsidiary of energy services holding company South Jersey Industries (NYSE:SJI), provides natural gas service to approximately 375,000 residential, commercial and industrial customers in Atlantic, Cape May, Cumberland, Salem, and portions of Gloucester, Burlington and Camden counties in New Jersey. Visit www.southjerseygas.com to learn more about South Jersey Gas and its programs.

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