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**THIS 811 DAY, SOUTH JERSEY GAS WANTS YOU TO
REMEMBER TO CALL BEFORE YOU DIG**

FOLSOM, NJ, August 10, 2016 – August 11 is 811 Day. Every year, utility companies across the country join together with the Common Ground Alliance to celebrate the day and share the importance of calling 811 before digging.

This 811 Day, South Jersey Gas reminds the community to always call 811 at least three business days before digging. It's free and it's required by law. Every six minutes an underground utility line is damaged because a digging project started without a call to 811. Striking just a single line can result in injury, repair costs, fines and inconvenient outages.

Every digging project, no matter how large or small, warrants a call to 811. Installing a mailbox, building a deck, planting a tree and laying a patio are all examples of digging projects that require a call to 811.

When calling 811, homeowners are connected to New Jersey One Call, the state one-call center, which notifies the appropriate utility companies of their intent to dig. Professional locators are then sent to the proposed digging site to mark the approximate locations of underground lines with flags or spray paint. Homeowners can then use these marks as a guide for safe digging.

Visit www.call811.com or www.southjerseygas.com for more information about 811 and safe digging practices.

ABOUT SOUTH JERSEY GAS

South Jersey Gas, subsidiary of energy services holding company South Jersey Industries, Inc. (NYSE:SJI), delivers clean, efficient natural gas and promotes energy efficiency to approximately 375,000 residential, commercial and industrial customers in Atlantic, Cape May, Cumberland, Salem, and significant portions of Gloucester, Burlington and Camden counties in

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