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PARMA GAS PIPELINE NEARS COMPLETION

(PARMA) – North Coast Gas Transmission of Columbus will soon complete construction of a new natural gas pipeline stretching across the southern end of Parma. The company says construction of the pipeline that began in April will provide the area with more reliable and diverse supplies of natural gas.

“Traditionally, we’ve had issues with the natural gas supply for Parma because of inadequate pipeline capacity,” said Parma Mayor Dean DePiero. “This project will solve that problem and hopefully lower gas prices.”

The City of Parma initiated talks of adding the pipeline because much of the region sits in what is referred to as a natural gas infrastructure constraint area. That means some areas in the city were not in close proximity to gas distribution lines, making the delivery process more costly for local consumers. The new gas pipeline will provide quicker access and delivery to residents.

“The result we’re really hoping for is a noticeable reduction in the cost of natural gas to many of our residents,” added Mayor DePiero. “That was our motivation all along.”

North Coast Gas Transmission officials say the new pipeline could supply approximately one-third of the peak winter natural gas needs for the area. The pipeline begins west of East Linden Lane and will terminate east of West 130th Street. According to North Coast, approximately 75 percent of the new line is in the existing First Energy power line easement.

"North Coast is committed to serving Ohio and providing Ohio residential consumers and businesses with reliable and diverse natural gas sources," said North Coast Gas Transmission President Andy Lang. "We believe this will also help boost economic development in the region."

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The pipeline is 10-inch diameter specialized steel with 48 inches of cover. North Coast says the pipeline was constructed and will be operated and maintained in accordance with all federal and state natural gas pipeline safety requirements.

Additional information on the project can be obtained on the City of Parma's website www.cityofparma-oh.gov and North Coast's website at www.somersetgas.com.

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