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### **Making New Jersey Energy Strong: PSE&G upgrading gas facilities in Plainfield**

(May 5, 2015) – Under its Energy Strong program, Public Service Electric & Gas Co. (PSE&G) is upgrading gas facilities in Plainfield. Work will take place Monday through Saturday between the hours of 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Before construction can start, the utility needs to make test holes to verify the location of the existing gas main. After this work is complete, PSE&G will then begin installing new gas mains and upgrading associated service lines that carry the gas to homes and businesses. The gas main replacement portion of the work is expected to be complete in December.

This upgrade is part of PSE&G's Energy Strong program to strengthen and protect the state's electric and gas infrastructure from severe weather. Customers will be notified when work is about to begin in their area and can find a list of streets at [www.pseg.com/energystrong](http://www.pseg.com/energystrong).

As part of Energy Strong, PSE&G is replacing 250 miles of older cast iron main with new plastic pipe in or near flood areas throughout its service territory. In 2014, the utility installed more than 98 miles of new pipe in 34 towns throughout New Jersey. These new pipes will prevent water from entering the mains, increasing the reliability of gas service in these locations.

"We're working to build the resiliency into our systems needed to withstand the kind of severe weather that has devastated our state in recent years," said Ralph LaRossa, PSE&G president and COO. "The gas pipes we are replacing were impacted by flood waters from Hurricane Irene or the storm surges from Superstorm Sandy. Once this work is done, our gas system in these areas will be better protected during future storms."

To upgrade the mains, it will be necessary to dig trenches in the roadway to install the new pipe. As a result, there may be road closures and/or detours. Local police will be on the scene to direct vehicle and pedestrian traffic. At the end of each workday, the trenches will be filled in. Plates will be secured on any other open areas so people can safely drive and walk.