

Media Advisory

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KUB to Purge Air from a Natural Gas Pipeline August 29-31 *Near Middlebrook Pike and Old Weisgarber Road*

Between August 29 and 31, KUB will perform a process called “purging” to remove air and replace it with natural gas in the newly-installed natural gas pipeline adjacent to Middlebrook Pike between Old Weisgarber Road and Wesley Road. The work is to take place near the intersection of Middlebrook Pike and Old Weisgarber Road, as well as near the intersection of Wesley Road and Abington Lane, between the hours of 7 a.m. and 8 p.m. daily, starting Monday, August 29, through Wednesday, August 31. This work is weather dependent.

As part of the purging process, a “rotten egg” odor may be present in the immediate area as natural gas is safely released from the pipeline as part of this work. Natural gas is colorless and odorless; however, for safety purposes KUB adds the chemical mercaptan to its natural gas supply to make even small released amounts easily detectable. While the odor may be temporarily unpleasant, mercaptan poses no hazards, and any associated odors should dissipate quickly once the natural gas is released from the pipeline. There may also be temporary elevated noise levels in the immediate area.

KUB has coordinated with local fire and police agencies to make them aware of this work and KUB personnel will be onsite at all times throughout the process to monitor all activities.

No customer natural gas service interruptions will be required in association with this work.

KUB is a municipal utility serving Knox and parts of seven adjacent counties and provides electric, natural gas, water, and wastewater services to more than 445,000 customers.

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