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**Columbia Gas of Ohio to Spend Over \$1.5 million for
Mansfield Area Pipeline Replacement Project**
Project to Enhance Natural Gas Service

The Mansfield area will soon benefit from Columbia Gas of Ohio's pipeline improvement program.

Over 12,000 feet of natural gas main line will be replaced in the area as Columbia Gas upgrades existing steel pipe with plastic pipe. The project will take several months and will include a number of streets: Baldwin Avenue, Bartley Avenue, Constance Court, Dirlam Court, Douglas Avenue, Fuller Court, Lind Avenue, Marion Avenue, Park Avenue, Parker Street, Poplar Street, Sherman Avenue, and Vennum Avenue.

In the near future, customers on these streets will notice preliminary construction work in the area, such as staking of right of way and inspection of sewer lines. Customers whose property will benefit from this investment will be notified via letter of a public meeting to be held to discuss the project on Monday, July 7th at 6:00 p.m. The meeting will be held in the Community Room at the Mansfield Main Public Library, 43 West Third Street, Mansfield. At that time, customers will have the opportunity to ask questions of Columbia construction personnel.

This work will require a short interruption of natural gas service. Columbia Gas will make personal contact with customers prior to shutting-off service and to schedule re-light appointments. Customers will also have their indoor meters moved to the outside of the premises.

As a reminder, all Columbia Gas employees and contractors carry identification cards bearing their name, photograph and identification number and will be happy to show it.

Columbia Gas of Ohio will spend nearly \$2 billion over the next 20 years to improve its 19,000 mile underground pipeline system.

Columbia Gas of Ohio, with headquarters in Columbus, is one of the seven energy distribution companies of NiSource Inc. (NYSE: NI). Serving approximately 1.4 million customers in 61 of Ohio's 88 counties, it is the largest natural gas utility in the state. NiSource distribution companies serve approximately 3.8 million gas and electric customers primarily in seven states. More information about Columbia Gas of Ohio is available at: ColumbiaGasOhio.com. Be sure to call 811 at least two business days

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