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Maine Natural Gas Delivers First Natural Gas to State Facilities in Augusta

MNG will deliver nearly 90% of natural gas load used by the State in Augusta.

Brunswick, Maine – Maine Natural Gas, a subsidiary of Iberdrola USA, recently started the gas (and the savings) flowing to the first four of the 21 State buildings Maine Natural Gas will serve in the Augusta area: the Department of Health and Human Services headquarters, the Statehouse, the Cross Office Building and the Cultural Building. The State Bureau of General Services estimates the conversion to natural gas will save the taxpayers of Maine at least \$708,000 in FY 2015.

“Maine Natural Gas is proud to build on our heritage of service in Maine by bringing the many benefits of natural gas to the State and the people of Augusta,” said Darrel Quimby, vice president of Maine Natural Gas.

In September, Maine Natural Gas (MNG) won the ten-year contract to deliver nearly 90% of the total gas load used by the State facilities in Augusta.

In October, Maine Natural Gas completed its “backbone” that stretches from the Maritimes and Northeast high-pressure pipeline in Windsor to Augusta and started flowing natural gas to the new MaineGeneral Medical Center. More than 225 workers from 15 Maine Companies had worked since March to lay the 21.4 mile pipeline – the first ever to reach Maine’s capital city.

Since then, MNG has connected 157 Augusta families in homes and apartment buildings; various restaurants, hotels, retail and commercial establishments; and many government structures including buildings at the University of Maine at Augusta campus, the Edmund Muskie Federal Building, and the new State Courthouse on Winthrop Street.

“And we’re not done,” said Quimby. “Maine Natural Gas will continue to invest in Maine and expand our service in Augusta, Bath, Brunswick, Topsham, Freeport, Pownal, Gorham and Windham. By the end of this year, we expect to connect 1,000 new customers across our service area, and expand our Maine Natural Gas family to about 4,500 members – all of whom will enjoy the many benefits of heating with natural gas.”

Now is the time to sign up for natural gas service to save next winter. Local residents who want to learn when they can get natural gas service should visit our website: www.mainenaturalgas.com or call us at 1.877.867.1642.

Iberdrola USA, the parent company of Maine Natural Gas, serves approximately 570,000 natural gas and propane/air gas customers located in Maine, New Hampshire and New York. Iberdrola USA owns and operates natural gas assets valued at more than \$1 billion, including 123 miles of high-pressure transmission lines, 17,615 miles of steel & HDPE distribution lines and 875 regulator stations. In 2012, Iberdrola USA safely delivered more than 110 billion cubic feet of natural gas to its customers.

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About Maine Natural Gas: Maine Natural Gas, a subsidiary of Iberdrola USA, is headquartered in Brunswick, Maine and backed by the global resources of Iberdrola S.A., one of the largest energy services companies in the world. Maine Natural Gas has been safely delivering affordable natural gas to thousands of Maine families and businesses since 1999. Our sister companies, NYSEG and RG&E currently serve approximately 570,000 natural gas customers in upstate New York. For more information about Maine Natural Gas, visit www.mainenaturalgas.com.

About Iberdrola USA: Iberdrola USA, a subsidiary of global energy leader Iberdrola, S.A., is an energy services and delivery company serving about 2.7 million customers throughout upstate New York and New England. For more information about Iberdrola USA, visit www.iberdrolausa.com.

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