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State of Maine Selects Maine Natural Gas to Deliver Savings in Augusta *MNG will deliver 87% of natural gas load used by the State in Augusta.*

Brunswick, Maine – Today, the State of Maine Bureau of General Services selected Maine Natural Gas (MNG) to deliver natural gas via pipeline to 19 of its 25 facilities in the Augusta area for the next ten years. These facilities consume more than 87% of the gas load used by the State in Augusta.

“We are pleased the State selected Maine Natural Gas to deliver energy to their facilities in Augusta for the next ten years,” said Bob Kump, CEO of Iberdrola USA, parent company of Maine Natural Gas. “It’s a strong validation of our business model and our commitment to safely deliver affordable natural gas to the residents, businesses and institutions of Augusta and across Maine.”

Although the award decision is subject to the final approval of the State Procurement Review Committee, Maine Natural Gas expects to begin contract discussions with the BGS immediately since the State plans to begin receiving natural gas at some Augusta facilities by November 1, 2013.

Maine Natural Gas has completed 99% of its 21.4 mile Augusta “backbone” pipeline and expects to energize that line and be ready to start natural gas delivery to its first Augusta customers by the end of this month.

Not counting the State facilities announced today, MNG has signed-up more than 215 Augusta-area customers including the new MaineGeneral Medical Center and the University of Maine at Augusta – who will start enjoying the benefits of affordable natural gas before the end of this year.

The Maine Natural Gas pipeline construction project in Augusta has created jobs for approximately 225 workers from 15 Maine Companies, and will save Augusta customers millions of dollars in heating costs over its lifetime.

Maine Natural Gas continues to sign up customers in the Augusta area. Residents who want to learn when they can get natural gas service should visit our website: www.mainenaturalgas.com or call 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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