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Gas pipeline upgrades underway in Richmond

Richmond, Ind. — Contract crews working for Vectren Energy Delivery (Vectren) have begun replacing gas mains and service lines in Richmond as part of the company's pipeline replacement program, which is a multi-year program to replace about 1,300 miles of bare steel and cast iron pipeline infrastructure throughout Indiana. In Richmond, nearly \$2.3 million will go toward retiring nearly three miles of gas main and approximately 200 service lines in 2018. Since 2008, nearly 25 miles have been retired within the city. Vectren intends to retire a total of approximately 50 miles in Richmond over the next several years.

"To ensure the continued reliability of our natural gas pipeline systems and service, our program to replace essentially all of our bare steel and cast iron pipeline infrastructure carries on," said Mike Roeder, Vectren Energy Delivery of Indiana-North president. "As we continue to modernize our pipeline infrastructure, we remain focused on strengthening our system to not only meet federal requirements, but ensure the safe delivery of natural gas service to our customers for decades to come."

Streets affected during the first project include: N. E Street, N. 12th Street, N. A Street, N. B Street, N. C Street and N. D Street. Visit www.vectren.com/pipelinerreplacement to view an interactive map displaying all streets in Richmond where construction will take place in 2018.

In most cases, a polyethylene (plastic) system is being installed to replace the current bare steel and cast iron gas pipeline system. First, the gas main, which is a gas pipeline that ranges in size from 2" to 8" and is often underneath the street or sidewalk, will be replaced within the right-of-way, and then the service lines running directly to homes and businesses will be replaced. Upon completion of the project, affected yards, sidewalks and streets will be restored.

"Construction for these pipeline projects may take several weeks to complete, and times may vary based on the size of the project, weather, ground surface/soil and other situations that may arise," said Roeder. "Please be assured that Vectren and its contractors will make every effort to complete each project as quickly as possible and minimize impact to customers and the community."

Prior to service replacement, a Vectren representative will contact customers to provide an overview of the required work. Vectren reminds Richmond residents to please keep the following in mind:

- Please **exercise caution when driving through the construction zones.**
- We urge residents and their children to **keep a safe distance away from any work zones.**

Richmond is one of nearly 75 cities in Indiana undergoing this type of pipeline replacement. Since 2008, nearly 480 miles of gas mains have been replaced in the Vectren North territory, which has led to a reduction in leak calls and natural gas emissions from the distribution system. For more information about Vectren's gas infrastructure modernization program, visit Vectren.com/modernization.

About Vectren

Vectren Corporation (NYSE: VVC) is an energy holding company headquartered in Evansville, Ind. Vectren's energy delivery subsidiaries provide gas and/or electricity to more than 1 million customers in adjoining service territories that cover nearly two-thirds of Indiana and about 20 percent of Ohio, primarily in the west-central area. Vectren's nonutility subsidiaries and affiliates currently offer energy-related products and services to customers throughout the U.S. These include infrastructure services and energy services. To learn more about Vectren, visit www.vectren.com.

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