

## Media Advisory

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### **KUB to Perform Natural Gas Maintenance Work** *Near Maynardville Pike and Quarry Road*

On Saturday, November 5, and Sunday, November 6 (if necessary) KUB and its contractor will perform natural gas maintenance work near Maynardville Pike and Quarry Road between the hours of 6 a.m. and 5 p.m. Crews will be working in the area where Tennessee Department of Transportation work is currently underway.

KUB and its contractor will be flaring natural gas from its system as part of this maintenance work. Crews will be staged on the shoulder of southbound Maynardville Pike and will utilize a portable flare stack to complete this task. A large, safely-managed flame will be visible at the top of the flare stack while this work occurs. There will be no impact to the current traffic flow. KUB has coordinated with Rural Metro, who will be on site to provide assistance. This work has also been coordinated with Knox County. The flaring process is commonly used by natural gas service providers when natural gas needs to be safely released from system pipelines.

Also as part of this maintenance work, a “rotten egg” odor may be present in the immediate area during this controlled release from the pipeline. 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 will dissipate. There may also be temporary elevated noise levels in the immediate area, and crews, equipment, and vehicles will be visible from the roadway.

KUB has coordinated with local fire and Emergency 911, as well as appropriate Knox County officials. 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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