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### **THE EMPIRE DISTRICT GAS COMPANY ANNOUNCES LINE REPLACEMENT WORK IN BROOKFIELD, MISSOURI**

JOPLIN, MO – April 15, 2016 – The Empire District Gas Company announced today that crews will be completing work to upgrade gas mains and service lines in the north section of Brookfield, beginning next month. According to Randy Lee, Chillicothe service center manager for Empire District Gas, construction should be complete in about 14 weeks and is planned for the following areas:

- All north and south streets north of Park Street and east of Brookfield Ave, including State, Livingston, Courtland, Snow, Main, Linn, Lincoln, Meade, Monroe and Grant
- All east and west streets north of Park Street and east of Brookfield Ave, including North, Prairie, Sedgwick, Dake, Farragut, Maple, Prospect, Lomax and Baker
- Wood Street from Penn to Green
- Hansen Street from Penn to Green
- Green Street from Wood to Laclede

"We will install the mains first and follow this with the replacement of gas service lines," said Lee. "To minimize disruption, much of the replacement main installation will be accomplished by directional drilling. To avoid damages to privately owned underground lines, our crews need home and business owners help to identify the location of individually owned buried pipes and wires. Private buried lines such as storm and sanitary sewer laterals, sprinkler systems, etc. are

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not flagged by the City or other utility providers. If you know the approximate location of your sewer lateral or sprinkler system piping, please mark with flags or stakes in advance of our construction work."

Lee continued, "As individual service lines are replaced, we will temporarily interrupt gas service to each residence and/or business for approximately one to two hours. Upon completion of service line work, company personnel will need to gain access to homes or businesses to relight gas appliances."

"Our crews will make every effort to minimize damage to lawns and streets. However, there will be some disruption, and we ask area residents and business owners to be patient as final clean-up work will be accomplished in the last phase of the project," said Lee.

The Empire District Gas Company apologizes in advance for any inconvenience Brookfield residents may experience as a result of this construction work that is being completed to ensure reliable, safe natural gas service.

For questions about the project, please call Randy Lee or Amie Kepner at 660-646-5851.

Based in Joplin, Missouri, The Empire District Electric Company (NYSE: EDE) is an investor-owned, regulated utility providing electric, natural gas (through its wholly owned subsidiary The Empire District Gas Company), and water service, with approximately 218,000 customers in Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma, and Arkansas. A subsidiary of the Company also provides fiber optic services. For more information regarding Empire, visit [www.empiredistrict.com](http://www.empiredistrict.com).

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