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NJ BPU President Jeanne M. Fox Visits SJG Infrastructure Project

Site is Part of 'First in the Nation' Accelerated Utility Infrastructure Undertaking

(FOLSOM, NJ) – New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (BPU) President Jeanne M. Fox, along with company officials and workers of South Jersey Gas, today toured a natural gas pipeline project site located in Winslow Twp., N.J. President Fox reviewed the progress of South Jersey Gas' (SJG) infrastructure projects that are part of a statewide utility effort to spur jobs and provide a major boost to the state's economy.

The capital infrastructure project being toured was approved by the BPU earlier this year to upgrade utility infrastructure throughout the state. The site visited today is a section of a three-part project that involves replacing bare steel main with plastic main. This particular section runs along Route 30 from Garfield Avenue in Chesilhurst to Ehrke Road in Winslow Township. Approximately 16,900 feet of 8 inch plastic main and approximately 50 residential and commercial services are being installed.

"South Jersey Industries' gas pipeline project is one of many capital infrastructure projects throughout the state that are driven by Governor Corzine's Economic Recovery and Assistance Plan for New Jersey – the first state stimulus plan in the country," said BPU President Jeanne M. Fox. "Working with the state's utilities we are creating jobs and providing a major boost to the state's economy by expediting necessary capital investments in our utility infrastructure."

Upon completion of the three-part project, a total of 59,300 feet of 8-inch plastic main and approximately 184 services will run from Winslow Township to Hammonton, N.J. The \$4.9 million project is expected to be completed by December 13, 2009.

J. F. Kiely Construction Co. is the subcontractor performing the pipeline installation for SJG. The project is being conducted out of Kiely's Egg Harbor Township office. Kiely expects to employ over 20 workers for the 16,900 foot section of pipe. SJG's accelerated bare steel main replacement project will be in progress during the remainder of 2009 through 2010. It is expected that additional jobs will be created as a result.

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“We answered the call of Governor Corzine and President Fox for New Jersey’s energy utilities to assist with stimulating the economy through infrastructure investment,” stated South Jersey Gas president and CEO Edward J. Graham. “This project is one of many that we have agreed to undertake, and we are prepared to spend a total of \$103 million to accelerate our infrastructure spending over the next two years.

“We were fortunate to be able to purchase quantities of steel pipe for our projects at a 60 percent discount; therefore, these projects will increase reliability and pipeline system integrity at an extremely small cost to our customers.”

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About South Jersey Gas:

South Jersey Gas is the principal subsidiary of South Jersey Industries (NYSE:SJI) and provides natural gas service to more than 340,000 residential, commercial and industrial customers in Atlantic, Cape May, Cumberland, Salem, and significant portions of Gloucester, Burlington and Camden counties in New Jersey. Visit <http://www.southjerseygas.com> to learn more about South Jersey Gas and its programs.