

# ***News Brief:***

## Winter Preparation at the Natural Gas Take Station



The National Oceanographic & Aeronautic Agency (NOAA) is forecasting a normal to warm winter this year, but the Farmer's Almanac is saying it will be bitterly cold. Whoever is right, the Middleborough Gas & Electric Department will be ready to serve its 4,500 natural gas customers.

MG&E Managers, working with Algonquin Gas personnel and CHI Engineering, have completed the installation of a larger pre-heating unit at the Algonquin Pipeline Take-station in South Middleborough. The new unit replaces a smaller heater that was undersized due to a growing number of customers.

Pre-heating the gas is necessary because, as the high pressure transmission line gas is regulated to a lower pressure to enter the MG&E delivery system, the natural gas cools. The cool gas can have a freezing affect on equipment. The new heater will help ensure the smooth and dependable operation of the Department's distribution system throughout the winter months

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