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Press Release

MG&E Electric Circuits in Double Digits & Growing

New 10th circuit is energized.

Middleborough, MA, June 6, 2007: With little fanfare, the staff at the MG&E substation turned a handle to "ON" and brought to life the department's tenth electric distribution circuit on June 5th at 9:06 AM. Named the West Middleborough circuit, it is a route of wires beginning at the substation and traveling along roads to the rotary circle, industrial parks and parts of North Lakeville, an area that has seen dramatic growth in the past ten years. The new circuit will allow for reliable electric service to future homes and businesses to come in this part of town.

Electric circuits in the average home serve one or two rooms or, in some cases, only one appliance. This keeps the wiring from overloading and failing when many appliances are turned on at once. Electric distributions circuits on the streets serve the same purpose, delivering electricity without overloading the wires during peak use. And, if there's a problem in one area, it is isolated from other circuits, affecting fewer customers while MG&E crews make repairs.

This is the department's third new circuit in five years and the service continues to grow. Work on the eleventh circuit in South Middleborough began last fall and this partially-complete circuit is expected to go live in July prior to the last leg to be completed in 2008.

The Middleborough Gas & Electric Department is owned by the town of Middleborough, serving over 14,000 electric customers in Middleborough and neighboring Lakeville. Customers can visit the Department's website at MGandEonline.com to check the progress on these projects.

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