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**PIPELINE WILL SERVE SAN JUAN COUNTY INDUSTRIAL PARK
EXTENSION PROJECT RUNS THROUGH DECEMBER**

FARMINGTON – Construction has begun on a project to build 13 miles of new pipeline to extend natural gas service to the San Juan County Industrial Park, supporting San Juan County's efforts to attract new businesses that create jobs.

"Natural gas is reliable and affordable, which are key elements in economic development," NMGC President Ryan Shell said. "Also, homes and businesses along the new pipeline will have the option to become natural gas customers once service has been extended to the industrial park."

The industrial park is located near La Plata, N.M., north of Farmington. Construction is under way on the west side of San Juan County Road 1191. The southbound lane will be closed during working hours from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Later in the project, there will be construction activity along New Mexico 170 as well as County Roads 1130 and 1300. Work to extend natural gas service is expected to continue until December. Motorists are asked to drive with caution, be mindful of crews working on the project and watch for heavy equipment and large trucks.

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About New Mexico Gas Company

As the largest natural gas distribution utility in the state, New Mexico Gas Company (www.nmgco.com) provides service to more than 550,000 homes and businesses throughout New Mexico. The Company has about 740 employees in 26 offices, who are responsible for safely and reliably operating more than 12,000 miles of pipelines. New Mexico Gas Company is a subsidiary of Emera Inc., an expert team of utility and energy services companies serving 2.5 million customers in the U.S., Canada, and the Caribbean. Emera has headquarters in Halifax, Nova Scotia.

