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**Columbia Gas of Ohio Field Employees to
Receive AMBER Alerts in Vehicles**

Columbus, Ohio – Columbia Gas of Ohio is adding more than 900 pairs of eyes and ears to the effort to keep Ohio’s children safe. The company announced that, beginning today, AMBER Alerts will be distributed to all its field employees across Ohio.

Utilizing the mobile data terminal (MDT) technology in every field vehicle, vital AMBER Alert information will be sent via e-mail directly to employees.

“We are excited to be part of Ohio’s AMBER Alert program,” said Columbia Gas of Ohio General Manager Dave Monte. “Utilizing our electronic network, we can immediately share this vital information with hundreds of our employees across Ohio, improving the chances of successfully locating missing children.”

Columbia has nearly 900 MDT-equipped vehicles on the road at any one time, serving 60 of Ohio’s 88 counties. Last year, Columbia Gas vehicles traversed more than 10 million miles on Ohio’s roadways.

Columbia’s field employees are trained in emergency response techniques, including effectively reporting important information to local authorities.

The AMBER Alert Plan was created in 1997 after nine-year-old Amber Hagerman was abducted and murdered in Arlington, Texas. The AMBER (America’s Missing: Broadcast Emergency Response) Plan is a voluntary partnership between law-enforcement agencies and broadcasters to activate an urgent bulletin in the most serious child-abduction cases.

Columbia Gas of Ohio, with headquarters in Columbus, is one of the 10 energy distribution companies of NiSource Inc. (NYSE: NI). Serving approximately 1.4 million customers in 60 of Ohio’s 88 counties, it is the largest natural gas utility in the state. NiSource distribution companies serve 3.8 million gas and electric customers primarily in nine states. More information about Columbia Gas of Ohio is available at: ColumbiaGasOhio.com.

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