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### **Energy Association of PA Exhibit Cautions Public on Working Near Electric or Gas Lines at PA One Call Safety Conference**

HARRISBURG (September 13, 2019) -- The Energy Association of Pennsylvania is participating in the Pennsylvania One Call System's Safety Day Conference on Thursday, September 19, 2019 at the Pittsburgh International Airport Field Maintenance, Hangar Road, Moon, PA 15231. The free program is open to the public from 7 a.m. until 2 p.m. and brings together damage prevention, underground utility and excavation professionals from all over the region for a day of education, exhibits and enjoyment. There are numerous educational sessions throughout the day promoting the protection of critical underground infrastructures. Demonstrations and other presentations are offered concurrent to the educational sessions.

The Energy Association, on behalf of its statewide electric and natural gas member companies, will be featuring a safety display at this September 19<sup>th</sup> event. Safety is of paramount importance to the Energy Association and its member companies.

The EAP's display will focus on the precautions that should be taken when operating near utility facilities. What to do before beginning any digging or excavation project, cross bores safety awareness, as well as the importance of making sure there is adequate space from overhead power lines – information on OSHA's "Ten Foot Circle of Safety" - will be featured.

"Pennsylvania's energy utilities want to educate the public on how to stay safe," said Terrance J. Fitzpatrick, President and CEO, Energy Association of Pennsylvania. "Before you begin to dig anywhere, you should check with PA One Call System by calling 8-1-1, to prevent damage to underground facilities and avoid potentially hazardous situations. We congratulate our members for their continuing commitment to improve safety for their customers and in the workplace.

For over two decades, the Association and our predecessor organizations have been recognizing companies for their efforts in safety through the EAP's annual Safety Awards program."

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