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From: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: [External] Question about Fern Hollow Bridge gas line
Date: Wednesday, April 5, 2023 7:50:32 AM
Attachments: [REDACTED]

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Dennis

The valve on the east side of the bridge was shut off at 7:35 am and the valve on the west side of the bridge was shut off at 8:15 am. So, 8:15 would be the time when all gas release was secured. Please feel free to contact me with any other questions as they arise.

Matt

From: Collins Dennis [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, April 5, 2023 7:14 AM
To: Matse, Matthew [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: [External] Question about Fern Hollow Bridge gas line

Matt –

Of course, as such things go, another question. Do you know when (what time) the gas to the ruptured main was shut off?

Thanks,
Dennis

From: Matse, Matthew [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, April 4, 2023 5:11 PM
To: Collins Dennis [REDACTED] Harvey, Jason J. [REDACTED]
Cc: Kline, David [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: [External] Question about Fern Hollow Bridge gas line

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Dennis:

The high-level description of the line, which is what I believe you're after is:
Peoples Natural Gas Company, M-2 Line is a 16inch, Steel, distribution main line.
Distribution mains provide natural gas to customer service lines that connect to homes and

businesses.

Additional technical characteristics of the M-2 line:

Coated steel

Grade of pipe" API-5L-B

Pipe wall thickness 0.250 inch

Maximum Allowable Operating Pressure (MAOP 50 psig)

Maximum Operating Pressure (MOP) 46 psig

If you need any other information please let me know.

Matt

From: Collins Dennis [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, April 4, 2023 11:23 AM
To: Matse, Matthew [REDACTED] Harvey, Jason J. [REDACTED]
Cc: Kline, David [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: [External] Question about Fern Hollow Bridge gas line

That is perfect! Thank you!

Dennis

From: Matse, Matthew [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, April 4, 2023 11:13 AM
To: Collins Dennis [REDACTED] Harvey, Jason J. [REDACTED]
Cc: Kline, David [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: [External] Question about Fern Hollow Bridge gas line

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Dennis:

I am on the road today but will get back to you by COB tomorrow April 5, if that's acceptable.

Matt

From: Collins Dennis [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, April 4, 2023 10:19 AM
To: Harvey, Jason J. [REDACTED] Matse, Matthew [REDACTED]
Subject: [External] Question about Fern Hollow Bridge gas line

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I hope this message finds you both well. I am hoping to get some basic information on the gas line

was severed when the Fern Hollow bridge collapsed for our report. Specifically, I'm looking to describe it properly in terms of size and/or function. I don't know any of the proper terminology for gas lines, but as an example, I would describe a hose running from a fire hydrant to a fire engine as "a 1-inch supply line"; I'd like to describe the gas line in a similar way.

Thank you,
Dennis



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