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## Heating Oil and Propane Companies Offer Help to Merrimack Valley Residents Following Natural Gas Incidents

September 14, 2018 – The retail home heating oil, biofuel and propane companies that comprise the statewide membership of the Massachusetts Energy Marketers Association (MEMA) today offered their assistance to homeowners and businesses in Lawrence, Andover and North Andover as the area recovers from a series of natural gas explosions and fires.

“First and foremost, the collective membership of our association sends our thoughts and prayers to our neighbors in the Merrimack Valley area who’ve been impacted by the situation with Columbia Gas and we applaud the ongoing work of emergency personnel, first responders and national safety investigators,” said Art Chaves, Board Chairman of MEMA and Treasurer of Coan Heating and Cooling in Natick.

MEMA’s retail heating oil and propane companies serve thousands of homes and businesses in Merrimack Valley and these companies are poised to assist customers and others as they work through the recovery process.

“For those of us with heating oil and propane customers in greater Merrimack Valley we stand ready to help home and business owners safely restore or repair their heating and cooling systems if needed and provide fuel to emergency response teams working in the area,” said Jim Townsend, CEO of Townsend Energy in Danvers.

MEMA has contacted the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency and is working with the agency to coordinate and communicate the industry’s assistance efforts.

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