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National Grid is starting a \$900,000 project this week to install a new gas regulator station and replace nearly 300 feet of buried piping around Cleveland Circle.

"The work is designed to ensure continued safe, reliable gas service for 4,000 homes and businesses in Brighton," the utility said in a statement.

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Construction along Chestnut Hill Avenue and its intersection with Beacon Street is planned to be done between 7 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. for about the next 12 weeks, finishing in late summer, officials said.

“We know that construction can be an inconvenience to our neighbors and we will do our best to minimize the disruption, work as quickly as possible and restore the area so that it is aesthetically pleasing,” Deborah Drew, a National Grid spokeswoman, said in an e-mail.

A new regulator station will be installed underground on property owned by the state’s Department of Conservation and Recreation in front of the Reilly Memorial Rink at 355 Chestnut Hill Ave., the utility said.

Work also includes installing about 285 feet of buried pipe running from that state property underneath the intersection of Beacon Street and Chestnut Hill Ave., officials said. The new piping will replace the existing cast iron natural gas mains with a stronger 12-inch main as well as a new 20-inch coated steel gas main to provide greater capacity.

Once the project is done, the only above-ground structures remaining will be a

Four trees will be removed from the lawn along Beacon Street near the rink building, Drew said. Those trees will be replaced with 10 new trees near the rink and another 12 to 14 trees in other trees elsewhere on the state reservation. The new trees will total 80 caliper-inches. The trees and their locations will be approved by the state, she said. The utility’s landscaping contractor will maintain all new trees and plants for the first year.

The rink building’s driveway and two existing walkways will also be repaved and existing parking spaces will be restriped, Drew said.

The sidewalk along Beacon Street that will be affected by construction will be restored, she said. A wooden guard rail along the lawn adjacent to the Beacon Street sidewalk and the rink entrance driveway will be temporarily removed during construction and replaced after construction is complete.

“We are committed to continuously investing in our system and driving infrastructure improvements that will result in the safest and most reliable service possible for our communities,” said a statement from Murey Reed,

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president of National Grid Massachusetts. "We know our customers depend on us to heat and light their homes and businesses each day which is why these upgrades are so important."

Questions or concerns about the project should be directed to National Grid's project manager, Osamwonyi "Sam" Uwaifo, at 781-907-2830.

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