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(GUTHRIE, Ky., October 12, 2026) The Pennyrile Regional Energy Agency (PREA), headquartered in Guthrie, Kentucky, was established in June 2022 by the cities of Guthrie and Trenton as a municipal interlocal agency. PREA is governed by a volunteer Board of Directors, with members appointed and approved by the member city agencies and the PREA Board of Directors.

The Pennyrile region has experienced significant economic development in recent years but limited natural gas capacity will constrain future growth. After evaluating several alternatives, PREA determined that constructing a new natural gas pipeline was the preferred solution to support the region's long-term economic development. PREA subsequently began planning the Pennyrile Energy Corridor, a proposed 53-mile natural gas pipeline. To reduce disruption and minimize impacts on landowners, the proposed route would follow the existing Interstate 24 corridor for most of its length before turning east and terminating in Guthrie, near the Kentucky–Tennessee state line.

“The Pennyrile Energy Corridor is a long-term investment in the infrastructure needed to sustain economic growth, enhance regional competitiveness, and create new opportunities for the communities we serve,” Board Chairperson Eston Glover said.

While undergoing the planning phases of the project, PREA has already entered into contracts for the sale of natural gas capacity to the city of Guthrie, Kentucky, the city of Clarksville, Tennessee, and the United States Army at Fort Campbell Kentucky.

PREA continues to advance pre-construction activities, including preliminary design and right-of-way acquisition. The agency has acquired approximately 90 percent of the easements required for the project. Efforts to acquire the remaining easements are continuing through condemnation proceedings.

Regarding condemnation proceedings, in a recent Judgment issued in Christian County Circuit Court in Civil Action No. 24-CI-01096 entered on September 11, 2026, it was concluded that PREA had demonstrated that the proposed pipeline serves a public purpose and that the agency acted in good faith by attempting to acquire access to the respondent's property through private negotiations before filing its condemnation petition. The agency sought to purchase from each property owner along the pipeline route a 30-foot-wide permanent easement and an additional 30-foot-wide temporary construction easement.

PREA continues to work towards its ultimate goal to provide natural gas to unserved and underserved areas of the Pennyrile region in Kentucky to further economic development in the area.

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