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**2009 NJUG Awards Launched:
Recognising and Rewarding Street Works Best Practice**

Hosted by Louise Ellman MP, Chair of the House of Commons Transport Select Committee

13th July 2009 - NJUG, the National Joint Utilities Group, is proud to launch the 2009 NJUG Awards, which will be presented on the House of Commons Terrace on 1st December 2009. The Awards are designed to recognise, promote and reward best practice within the street works industry.

Prizes are being awarded at the NJUG Winter Reception to utility companies and contractors who can provide a case study demonstrating their delivery of the NJUG *Vision for Street Works*.

Louise Ellman MP, Chair of the House of Commons Transport Select Committee, will host the event, and Sadiq Khan MP, the new Minister for Transport (with responsibility for street works) has been invited to speak. For the second year running, the event is kindly being sponsored by leading NJUG member Virgin Media, whose Director of Access Civils & Planning, Brian Partridge, will be speaking at the event.

The deadline for entries is Wednesday 14th October and there is a category for each statement of the NJUG *Vision for Street Works*:

- Safety is the number one priority
- Damage to the underground assets is avoided
- Utilities work together and in partnership with local authorities to minimise disruption
- Utilities deliver consistent high quality
- Utilities maximise the use of sustainable methods and materials
- Street works in the UK are regarded as world class

NJUG CEO, Les Guest, said: "The awards are an excellent opportunity to show all stakeholders the good work utilities have been doing. The inaugural NJUG Awards held in 2008 were a great success, the submissions of which were considered for good practice case studies resulting in over thirty new examples being uploaded to the NJUG website."

Les went on to add "Our *Vision for Street Works* has been very well received by all stakeholders since its launch in 2007, and we are delighted to be able to use this event as a



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means of unearthing the concrete examples that demonstrate how our members are turning the *Vision* into reality.”

For more information about the 2009 NJUG Awards and how to enter, please go to <http://www.njug.org.uk/category/5/pageid/62/> or contact NJUG on 0207 340 8737.

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Notes to Editors:

For further editorial information or to arrange an interview please contact the NJUG press office at pressoffice@njug.org.uk or telephone 020 7340 8737.

About The National Joint Utility Group (NJUG)

NJUG is the only UK industry association representing utilities on street works issues. Our full members include the Energy Networks Association (representing electricity and gas companies), Water UK (representing water companies), National Grid, Openreach, and Virgin Media. Our Associate Members are Clancy Docwra, Skanska McNicholas, Balfour Beatty, Morrison Utility Services, Morgan Est, NACAP, PJ Keary, First Intervention, Carillion, Enterprise, Laing O'Rourke and AMEC. Including members through trade associations, NJUG represents thirty-seven utility companies and twelve utility contractors.

NJUG is the utility arm of the Highway Authorities and Utilities Committee representing street works in England, Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales known as HAUC (UK). Please see <http://www.hauc-uk.org.uk/> for further information.

NJUG's focus is on promoting best practice, safety, quality and co-ordination of works as well as representing utilities in discussions with Government and other stakeholders on street work issues.

Street works are essential activities carried out by electricity, water, gas and communications utilities to maintain, enhance, extend, renew and repair their networks.

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