

Regional gas distributors lay pipeline plans

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Environmental impact not anticipated

Eastern Oregon will be crossed by 200 miles of gas pipeline if federal and state permission is granted to two natural gas distributors.

Both companies claim that existing gas lines lack the capacity to transport the additional volumes of surplus Canadian natural gas recently authorized for import and sale to southern California.

Public relations managers from the Northwest Pipeline Corp. and Pacific Gas Transmission Co. estimate the project will cost between \$70-75 million.

The proposed pipeline will be constructed by Utah-based Northwest Pipeline Corp. and Pacific Gas Transmission Co. of San Francisco and is targeted for

completion in November 1980, depending on how promptly government permits are granted.

Al Hooker, Pacific Natural Gas, says the company will build 17 miles of the line, which will enter Oregon at Wallula and continue to Stanfield in Umatilla county.

Northwest Pipeline will pick up construction of the line in Stanfield and extend it 100 miles to Baker, site of the company's present compressor station. From Baker a 76-mile section will be constructed to meet Ontario at the Idaho border.

Hooker and Owen Zuro, of Northwest Pipeline, say all sections of the proposed line will be constructed on company owned land parallel to the existing gas lines. They say the new lines won't harm the environment, because

the area has already been impacted by construction of the first lines.

The representatives say that the Environmental Protection Agency approved the original pipeline in 1961. The final Environmental impact statement was just recently approved by both Pres. Carter and Congress.

Zuro says Northwest Pipeline

intends to add a new compressor to its Baker station and will add a 2,000 horsepower compressor to assist the present 4,500 horsepower unit.

The company plans to install equipment designed to suppress the normal noise level of a compressor station, he adds.

The new gas line and the additional compressor are needed to handle the 200 million cubic feet of

Canadian natural gas expected to be imported daily from the province of Alberta, Zuro says. The gas will have a border price of \$2.16 per cubic foot, he adds.

Besides building the Oregon pipeline, Hooker says Pacific Gas plans to build 41 miles of new pipeline in Idaho and 102 miles in Washington to link up with the existing Canadian line. Northwest pipeline will build 175 miles of pipe across Idaho, linking up with an existing line for final gas delivery to southern California he says.

Orientation slated for LCC transfers

Lifelong Learning, a service of the University Office of Academic Advising and Student Services, is expanding its outreach to non-traditional students with special orientation workshops Friday.

Staff will first meet with Lane Community College students transferring to this campus winter term to discuss University graduation requirements, transfer of credits and other concerns.

"We've never tried this before," says JoAnne Ferrero Lawson, coordinator of Lifelong Learning's peer counseling program. "This is not recruitment . . . we just want the transfer students to feel

like the University is a friendly place."

The orientation meeting will begin in the Boardroom, LCC Administration Building, at 9:30 a.m.

A "brown bag" lunch, with a special talk by University Pres. William Boyd, will follow at 11:30. The lunch, and two afternoon orientation workshops, will take place at the Koinonia Center, 1414 Kincaid St.

The workshops are designed to allow new students an opportunity to meet with representatives from different University student services and with currently enrolled students.

Three applicants sought for EMU Board positions

The EMU Board is looking for a student from the general student

body, a student involved in the EMU programs and a faculty member, to be involved in the policies and planning of the EMU.

The student-at-large applications are due in the ASUO office at 5 p.m. Friday and can be picked up in the ASUO office Suite 4. The EMU programs applications are due Dec. 7.

The EMU programs applicant must have at least two terms of experience in one of the following program areas of the EMU: Cultural Forum, Craft Center, Outdoor Program, Club Sports, CCDC, or EMU Childcare Center, and will be considered for the chairmanship of the budget committee. A small stipend is offered with the position.

Group to act in child's play

The Eugene Parks and Recreation Department's volunteer community children's theater group will perform "The Princess and the Frog" at Spencer Butte Junior High Cafeteria, 500 E. 43rd Ave. Performance dates are Dec. 2, 3 and 9, 10 at 2 p.m. Admission is \$1.

The theater group is open to all persons interested in producing live children's drama.

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