

Farmington chamber speaker

Gas priorities must be set

By WYLIE GERRARD

FARMINGTON—Shifting natural gas supplies between the state's two major suppliers could help industrial development in the Farmington area.

However, William Ralls, a member of the state commission which regulates the two utilities, said recently there also has to be a consensus about how natural gas should be allocated.

Ralls, speaking to the Farmington Chamber of Commerce, said he hopes Consumers Power Co. and Michigan Consolidated Gas Co. can establish a procedure where one can supply the other with natural gas.

Consumers, the Jackson-based company which serves the Farmington area, at one time stopped providing natural gas for new industrial or commercial accounts. Michigan Consolidated, however, had enough natural gas to serve new accounts.

City managers in Farmington and Farmington Hills said the lack of natural gas has caused developers to shift to other types of energy.

ROBERT DEADMAN, Farmington city manager, said builders have gone to "a great deal of additional ex-

penditure" in finding alternatives to natural gas.

A tennis club on Farmington Road, he said, used propane during its first year of operation until it could obtain natural gas. The club had to pay extra costs of conversion.

George Majoros, Farmington Hills city manager, said only one developer has come to him complaining about the lack of gas. That company built an addition to an existing plant and could not get natural gas.

Majoros said architects are designing buildings with alternative energy sources. Additions to the Farmington Hills city hall will be heated with electricity, he said.

Both city managers said natural gas availability rules change. Majoros said Consumers cut off new industrial and commercial accounts in January 1973, but by last summer was accepting new customers.

RALLS SAID natural gas will continue to be in short supply for the "indefinite future." One solution might be to have the companies agree to sell supplies like electric companies do, he said. During peak periods of demand, electric companies switch

power from one company's system to another.

Because of short supplies, the country will have to come to a consensus as to whether it is best to use natural gas to create jobs or to heat homes.

"This kind of energy situation will require some reallocation," Ralls said.

The Public Service Commission, on which Ralls serves, regulates by company service area rather than statewide. The commission can provide a public forum, he said, where questions about trading natural gas supplies and similar issues can be discussed.

Utilities, Ralls said, should be required to submit long-range plans, and utilities' management should be held accountable for decisions.

He voted against some recent rate increase requests because the utilities did not say how the money from the increase would be used.

It is important Michigan have power which is competitively priced with other areas of the country. The price of energy is the "critical factor" for business to expand or locate in the state, he said.

Ralls said nuclear power is only a "stop gap" method of electricity production. Plants already in operation have not worked up to their expected capacity.

The Consumer's Palisade nuclear plant, now not operating, is costing the firm \$5 million a month, he said. Consumers must buy electricity from other companies at higher prices to make up for the power not produced by the nuclear plant.

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