

Ban on commercial gas service could slow up industrial growth

By F.N. KINNEY II
 FARMINGTON—An imminent ban on new commercial gas service by Consumers Power Co. may have serious effects on the industrial growth of Detroit's suburbs, according to a leading Farmington land developer.

The ban, effective April 30, includes small industrial and commercial customers using less than 6,000 cubic feet of gas per hour and means that any building project started after that date will not be able to get gas service.

Residential customers will not be affected by the ban. William Bowman, executive vice-president of Thompson-Brown Development Co., thinks the ban will hurt suburban industry. He cited as an example a 35,000 square foot building planned for the Farmington Research and Industrial Park that was cancelled due to the lack of gas.

"There is no question that industries that we have located in Farmington now will not," Bowman said. "It is a serious blow to Farmington industry and to the developers in the area."

Consumers Power, long plagued by short supplies, services most of Detroit's suburbs as well as Pontiac and Flint. James P. Thomas, manager for the company's West Wayne Division, said Consumers regrets the decision but has no other choice.

"THE ENERGY problem in gas is a serious situation, especially with curtailments we have had from our pipeline supplies," Thomas said. "I don't know where the situation will go from here."

The gas will be conserved for present customers and new residential customers as long as it lasts.

"We are not the only company having problems," he said. "The gas supplies in the next 30 or 40 years are going to be depleted. Right now, we just want to be sure we can service our present customers."

While new businesses are free to choose other forms of power, developer Bowman says the main problem with the alternatives, electricity and oil, is the cost. Gas is by far the cheapest form of energy.

"The alternatives are generally not acceptable to most industries," Bowman said. "The only real alternative is to sit on the property and hope that in the future the desire to locate here will overcome the excess cost."

BOWMAN ALSO noted that a new industry planning to build in the area could locate in Detroit, which is serviced by Michigan Consolidated Gas Co., which has adequate pipeline supplies.

He said the ban was unfair to suburban developers who had invested money preparing land for development, participating gas, that will now sit vacant.

"Those industrial parks already started should be recognized and given gas," Bowman said. "It is another kick in the teeth for the suburban development business."

"Now large construction companies only look at sites serviced by Michigan Consolidated."

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Leading the procession of pedalers will be members of the Pontiac Unicyclists whose members come from all parts of Oakland and Wayne counties to perform on the single wheel. There will be a similar event in Dearborn starting at Edsel Ford High School on the same day.

Registration for the Oakland University cyclethon opens at 7:30 a.m., and the course opens at 8 a.m. and closes at 4 p.m. Riders under 18 must have their application countersigned by a parent or guardian. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. Sponsor sheets are available by contacting the Michigan Heart Association. Sponsors sign the sheet and their pledge per mile to the rider.

LAST YEAR, more than \$50,000 was pledged from the cyclethon and over \$45,000 collected. The Pontiac Unicyclists under the direction of Bernard Crandall are a non-profit organization dedicated to the premise that half a bike is a lot more fun than a whole one. They performed in Europe last summer and appear at many community events throughout the year. When not booked, they practice at the Pontiac shopping mall, Telegraph and Elizabeth Lake Road every Sunday afternoon.

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