

# . . . . the transmission line



Of the millions of square miles on this continent, a very small area is covered by natural gas fields.

The discovery of natural gas would be of little value if it were not for the transmission lines . . . safe, rapid and economical transportation of natural gas over great distances to growing municipalities and bustling industrial centres.

This miracle of transmission would never have unfolded without the teamwork of other industries . . . makers of iron and steel; fabricators of large diameter pipe; manufacturers of regulators, meters, valves, couplings, welding apparatus, protective coatings, ditch-digging machines, pumps, compressors, and a hundred other types of expensive equipment needed to carry natural gas across mountains and valleys, brooks and rivers, railroads and highways, deserts and swamps, plains and forests.

A miraculous network of long-distance transmission pipe lines carries natural gas from its birthplace to the various domestic and industrial areas for consumption. This vast underground

system now totals over 270 thousand miles; with thousands of miles of pipelines to be added in the future. Without the transmission lines, millions of cubic feet of natural gas might be wasted daily.

Over a quarter million miles of underground "railroads" . . . mammoth subway transportation systems . . . transmit natural gas to an increasing number of towns and cities, erasing from the sky over these communities the smoke and smudge of raw fuels, saving citizens untold billions of dollars in terms of improved health, cleaner buildings, clothing and purer air. Natural gas, after being stored for millions of years, is being restored to man, granting him freedom from dirt, freedom from disease, freedom from hunger, freedom from discomfort and freedom from labour.

Through the miracle of transmission, over 54 million persons are benefited directly by natural gas; counting the products distributed by industrial plants using natural gas, these benefits reach every citizen on this continent and millions more around the world.

Next week . . . behind your burner.

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