

Ineligible Users Face Loss of Gas

William W. O'Laughlin, district manager of the Indiana Gas & Water Company, Inc., announced today that even though the supply of gas from pipelines is greater this year, it will only be sufficient to take care of the present needs of their customers.

He said that the situation was not unexpected. To minimize the effect of the shortage, Indiana Gas & Water Company, Inc., discontinued furnishing gas to new heating installations since last winter except where the installation met certain requirements. In all such cases written consent was given approving the installation for receiving gas.

Violations Discovered.

In spite of the restrictions, which were given wide publicity, many installations were made in direct violation. Others were made without knowledge of the restrictions.

If gas were supplied to these installations, it would be necessary to take gas away from the factories of Indiana. Mr. O'Laughlin said that it would be unfortunate

if workmen were sent home from their jobs because someone not eligible for gas heating service insisted on having it.

In order to protect service to present customers and in the interest of public health, safety and welfare, Indiana Gas & Water Company, Inc., is requesting all ineligible gas installations to be disconnected at once.

May Lose All Gas.

In the event a customer who is violating the restrictive orders refuses to disconnect his heating plant, Mr. O'Laughlin, said, his entire gas service will be disconnected and will not be restored until the violation is corrected.

The local company has made substantial investments at two locations in the state where gas will be made during periods of shortage which will occur on cold days. The utility feels that it will be able to take care of the known needs of its customers providing it is not required to furnish gas to heating installations that it has not approved.

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