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New gas pipeline is coming to area

Houston firm will bring service to Metro East

Laclede Gas is happy with news

The Natural Gas Pipeline Co. of America says it plans to build a natural gas pipeline into Metro East, providing more competition for the region's gas suppliers and perhaps spurring construction of gas-fed electric power plants.

The Houston-based company, a subsidiary of Kinder Morgan Inc., said it has signed supply and gas storage contracts with Dynegy Marketing and Trade. Illinois Power Co. which serves parts of Metro East with gas and electricity, is a subsidiary of Dynegy Inc.

Natural Gas Pipeline Co. said it will build a 47-mile line from Centralia, Ill., to Illinois Power's distribution system in Metro East. When completed, the $35 million line will be able to carry 300,000 decatherms of natural gas per day.

The company said it also plans to add other lines into the St. Louis market.

The line will supply Dynegy with 90,000 decatherms of gas per day for two years beginning in 2002.

Kinder Morgan said the company's strategy calls for adding electric production along its pipeline system, and the Metro East line is part of that strategy. Electric power companies have been building power plants on major gas transmission lines across the nation.

The pipeline company said it expects strong interest in its St. Louis-area service, "given the size of the market and the potential for additional gas-fired power generation."

Kinder Morgan has joined with electric utilities to build power plants in Arkansas and Michigan, a company spokesman said. Pipeline companies supply gas distribution companies, such as Illinois Power and Laclede Gas Co., which bring gas to homes and businesses.

Laclede Gas doesn't serve Metro East, but it still considers the arrival of a new pipeline nearby to be good news.

"It could be a real positive," said Laclede spokesman Rick Hargraves. Laclede receives gas from several suppliers, and a new addition just adds to the competition, he said. It also allows companies to draw gas from different regions of the country, minimizing the chance of disruption.

Natural Gas Pipeline Co. said only one other gas transportation company serves the Metro East area. Its parent, Kinder Morgan, operates 30,000 miles of natural gas pipelines in 26 states.

Hotel

Bonds will extend the payback period

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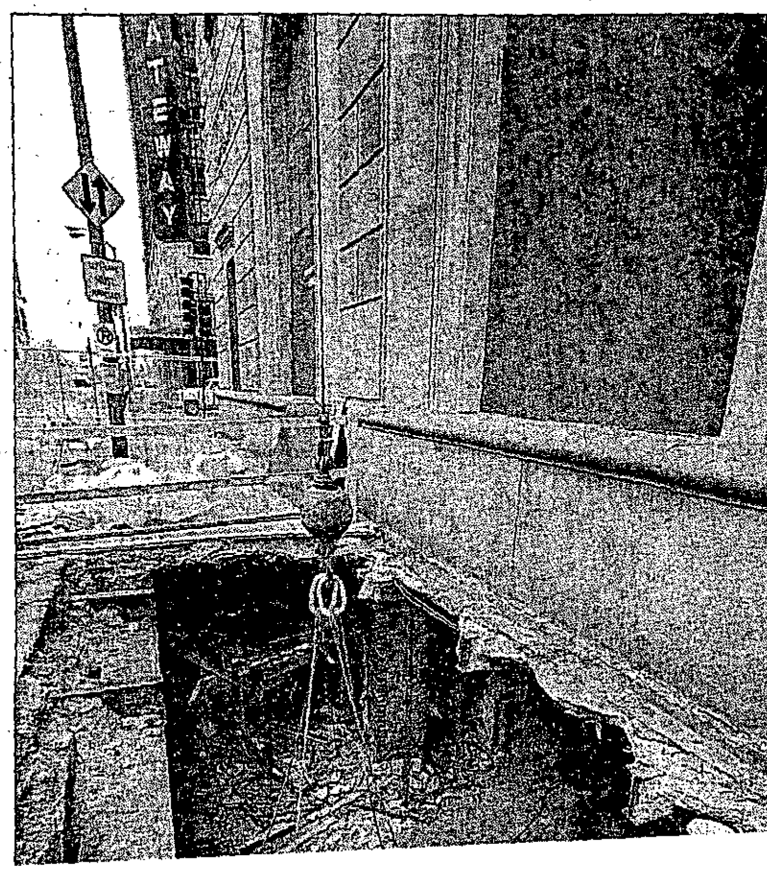
Another batch of $39.9 million in tax-exempt convention center leasehold revenue bonds sold at rates ranging from 5.16 percent to 5.80 percent. Those bonds, also issued by the Industrial Development Authority, will extend the payback period for original convention center bonds to 2020, from 2011. They got a triple-A insured rating. All but $2.9 million set aside for underwriter fees, bond insurance and similar fees will be spent for the hotel.

Jerome Schlichter, a lawyer appointed recently by Mayor Clarence Harmon to oversee the hotel project, said the successful bond sale was a bright spot, considering the project's long, sometimes troubled past. The city and its selected hotel developer, Historic Restoration Inc. of New Orleans, have



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BY CHERN YEH
Of the Post-Dispa

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