Piedmont To Furnish Gas To 8 Carolina Cities Smokey Says:

Piedmont Natural Gas Company of Spartanburg, S. C., this week promises speedy action on its program to furnish natural gas to eight Carolina cities, including Charlotte.

The Piedmont corporation received the go-ahead signal last week from the Federal Power Commission, after eight months of legal efforts. Officials now see it possible for the eight cities to have supplies of natural gas by the coming Fall season,

The seven cities the Piedmont Natural will serve, besides Char- preliminaries can be completed lette, are Winston-Salem, Greens- in time to provide natural gas boro, Salisbury, High Point in for these eight cities for the North Carolina, and Greenville 1951-52 Fall-Winter-Spring heatand Spartanburg in South Caro-jing season.

W. Priestly Conyers, Jr., of Spartanburg, also apparently brought nancing, survey, securing rightsrequested by two other Carolina and other materials and equipcompanies, for franchises to supply natural gas to many other communities in these states.

Won't Fight Ruling Charles B. Zeigler, Public Serv-

ice president, said today that his company will not attempt to contest in court over the FPC ruling in favor of Piedmont Natural. He explained that his company already has filed an alternate plan for natural gas distribution .ex- Blueprints For cluding the communities awarded 'Iron Lung' Will Be to Piedmont Natural.

Meanwhile Murrey Atkins, Carolina Natural president, said he will withhold comment regarding cated that a statement will be is- at Muncie, Ind.

obtain natural gas supplies for county. that area.

mission to withhold formal ap- and took the data to his plant. proval of the FPC award to the whole town worked with him mally support their demands for toiling all night without pay. natural gas service.

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ary 20 by the commission on applications of these companies, which failed in their effort to obtain franchises to operate in the cities to be served by Piedmont Natural. The Power Comthese companies to amend their son was the first to use it. applications to eliminate requests for authority to supply communi- tors. Then he began work on an ties awarded to Piedmont Natu-other five. When his plans have

Company, with headquarters here, assemble the apparatus. announced several months ago an agreement whereby Piedmont J. B. MOONEY HEADS Natural will pay Duke \$5,000,000 Albemarle C. of C. capacity in 1950. South Carolina.

approximately \$1,200,000 must be year include Sanford Davis, viceexpended to construct lateral chairman; E. M. Langley, direclines to supply natural gas. The tor of the North Carolina Merobtain gas supplies from Trans- lowing directors: D. A. Moose, continental Pipe Line Corp., which Fetzer Hartsell, Baxter Stokes, through Piedmont Carolina, Pied- Bill Morrow. mont Natural plans to lay ap- The merchants voted to conproximately 74 miles of lateral tinue taking four regularly schedlines and install various other uled holidays as they have for facilities.

equipment in factories, stores, of Thanksgiving, and Christmas. fices and homes and elsewhere to consumption of natural gas will be necessary before this lower buying Independence Bonds. cost fuel can be substituted for the presently consumed manufactured gas. Engineering sources explained that this conversion will be necessary as natural gas is much "hotter" than manufactured gas and different burners are required.

Moderate Costs

Cost of this conversion will be moderate. Information was unavailable here as to whether conversion costs will be paid by Piedmont Natural or the gas

consumers. Mr. Conyers was reported in press dispatches from Washington as estimating that necessary

Much work must be done by The Commission's decision in Piedmont Natural before actual favor of the company, headed by pipe laying is started. This preliminary work will include fisomewhat nearer authorization, of-way, and purchase of the pipe ment, Mr. Conyers explained.

The FPC recently authorized a substantial increase in Trans-These applicant companies are continental Pipe Line's transport Carolina Natural Gas Corp. of capacity, anticipating the grant-Charlotte and Public Service Co. ing of franchises for natural gas or North Carolina, Inc., of Gas- service in the Carolinas and elsewhere with Transcontinental as the supply source. The FPC also stipulated that Transcontinental should deliver 22,000,000 cubic feet daily to Piedmont Natural, with provision for subsequent increases as consumption should re-

Donated to Public

Blueprints and specification that will make it possible for "any a possible appeal to the courts lung for emergency polio cases are from the FPC decision. He indi-

sued after he has studied the The manufacturer, Jack Reichart, learned about iron lungs after However, at Hickory, leaders in a Muncie hospital called upon him municipal and commercial affairs to make one for the 8-year-old son of Hickory, Lenoir and other of a local policeman. The hospita. communities in that section de- had 28 polio patients, and there cided to continue their fight to was only one iron lung in the

Until that time, Mr. Reichar At a conference there recently, had never seen an iron lung. How a resolution was adopted, calling ever, he took plans worked out in upon Gov. Kerr Scott and the a similar emergency by anothe North Carolina Utilities Com- manufacturer at Marquette, Mich.

Mr. Reichart went to work, and to Piedmont Natural - at least All needed materials were donated until the Hickory area communi- The dozen or more employees co ties have had opportunity to for- operated in the Reichart plant by

They assembled steel barrels, in dustrial alcohol drums, several vac-Hearings were set for Febru- uum sweepers, and sponge rubbe -all went into the job. They used crank shafts from an outboard mo tor and a quantity of plywood.

Job Takes 10 Hours The iron lung was assembled after 10 hours' work. It was taken to the hospital, and the policeman'.

Immediately Mr. Reichart con structed two more of the respira been committed to paper, any com Mr. Conyers and Duke Power munity, he says, will be able to

for the manufactured gas plants Albemarle - At a meeting of Duke operates in eight cities, the merchants division of the These cities, in addition to Char- Albemarle Chamber of Commerce, lotte, are Winston-Salem, Greens- J. B. Mooney, manager of the boro, Salisbury, High Point and Penny store in Albemarle, was Burlington, in this state and elected chairman for the year Greenville and Spartanburg, in 1951. D. A. Moose served in this

Mr. Conyers, estimated that Other officers chosen for the FPC authorized Mr. Convers to chants association; and the folrapidly is completing a line ex- Francis Starnes, Bob Yingling, tending from Texas to New York C. B. Smith, A. L. Griffeth, and

the past few years. These are Conversion of gas burning Easter Monday, July Fourth,

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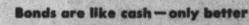
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