

at the present time, if you wanted, or any person else wanted to transport gas, say to Winnipeg, and you having the control of the Grids, would they have to come to you for their source of supply?—A. We would certainly like them to and then we could do it much cheaper than they could do by themselves.

Q. Could they go any place else? Would it be economically possible for them to build a Grid of their own, in view of the contract you now have—could any person else wanting to supply gas to Winnipeg, Manitoba, Saskatchewan—would they be compelled, in your opinion, to come to you, due to the fact that if you get this charter and are permitted to operate—will you have control of the great majority of the gas now available?—A. No. There is plenty of gas in Alberta.

Q. What percentage of available gas now will you have to come through your Grid system?—A. You mean by available gas the total reserves?

Q. Yes.—A. During the thirty-year period, it would be about fifteen divided by sixty.

Q. You mean in the next thirty years?—A. During the next thirty years.

Q. For the next five years, what control have you got of all available gas for sale?—A. We would have control of, well, it is hard to speak of available gas except in terms of total reserves.

There is a large field in the southern part of Alberta, the field that is closest to Saskatchewan, which would be the natural field for a line to Winnipeg to start from, or rather a series of fields, and we have not made any contracts there, it is the area which is controlled by the McColl-Frontenac, Texaco, Union interests, and we have no contracts there. There is plenty of gas in that area to supply the demands of Winnipeg.

Q. I want to be frank about it.—A. That has nothing to do with the Grid system.

Q. Does that put your company in a position to control the sources of supply during the next five or six years of all commercial gas?—A. No, I should say not. Anyone wanting to come to Alberta to build a pipe line starting there and going to Winnipeg has quite a large supply of gas which has not been contracted for.

Q. There is still a great supply of natural gas?—A. Yes. And they will be in a good geographical position.

Q. To supply Manitoba, for instance.—A. Yes, to supply Manitoba.

Q. I think you mentioned this morning that within twenty years there should be a return of all capital invested in this operation, is that right?—A. I did not quite say that. I said you have to have twenty years assurance before you can do anything.

Q. Before you can get your money back?—A. You have to have twenty years assurance before you can get your money, let alone get it back.

Q. You also said that the approximate life of this line and the operation of this company would be one hundred years?—A. It would be a very long time and that is a long way away.

Q. I want to learn for my own personal interests because I would like to put more money in the gas business, to get my money back in twenty years and still be good for another eighty. Could you answer if your common stock and your preferred stock and your bond issue will be payable,—you must have in your mind whether you are going to carry American stockholders and undoubtedly in this case they will have the majority of stock and in many such cases in Canada they demand that dividends be paid in American funds. Now, in connection with Morgan Stanley Co., I know them, they generally ask that—have they asked the question whether dividends would be paid in American funds on the various issues?—A. No, they have never made any inquiry.