

From El Dorado, Ark., we are in the process of moving the pipe line from west Texas from El Dorado to some point on the Mississippi near Helena, and with the production that that line will bring us at El Dorado it will give us about 60,000 barrels a day increase.

Project No. 6 is a new project. Project No. 7 is a second-hand pipe-line project that will be a combination of 14-inch and 12-inch lines that will originate at Longview, Tex., and go to some point on the Ohio River near Paducah, Ky., to deliver 60,000 barrels a day of products, chiefly, and which may go as high as 75,000 barrels a day. This line will be in addition to the line from Longview to Houston, which will be reversed and which will bring products out of the congested Houston area through Longview, through a new line, through to Paducah, and it will there be available by barge up the Ohio River, or by tank car.

Mr. SMITH. What is the combined capacity of all these projects, of all of these pipe lines?

Major PARTEN. They are estimated to deliver as far as the Mississippi River or Illinois points, about 200,000 barrels a day of crude oil and products.

The second-hand line projects will carry through to the east coast between 80,000 and 100,000 barrels of the 200,000 barrels.

Mr. SMITH. That is what I want to get at. It is only a small part, comparatively small portion of this will mean if—

Major PARTEN (interposing). By pipe line.

Mr. SMITH. By pipe line.

Major PARTEN. But you will have reduced the whole by tank cars and by all other means by more than a half.

Mr. SMITH. I see. None of this involves steel priorities?

Major PARTEN. No; with the exception of a few minor items, a very few minor items.

On another project we are getting into a little difficulty, on project 7, because we had earmarked 200 miles of 14-inch pipe on a gas line, and there happened to be some war industry that got on the gas line, so we could take 200 miles of 12-inch instead of 14-inch pipe used in the gas line for the war industry.

Mr. SMITH. In reference to the pending application for construction of the big new pipe line from Texas to the New York and Philadelphia area, is that application pending now before the War Production Board?

Major PARTEN. That application was filed originally before the Office of Petroleum Coordinator, with the Office of Production Management last summer.

Mr. SMITH. Yes; and never acted on?

Major PARTEN. It was; the priorities were demanded by O. P. M., and then it was reversed when the War Production Board was set up. The War Production Board appraised it sometime in the fall—I think it was prior to the outbreak of war. I am corrected; I think it was in February. The War Production Board appraised it and gave us a report that they could not permit the use of new steel.

Now, we have made a new appraisal in the light of present conditions, which we are ready to submit, and we have been assured by the War Production Board that they are interested to look over this appraisal.