MORRILTON AWARDS FRANCHISE FOR GAS

Southern Power and Light Company Given Contract for 25 Years.

Special to the Gazette
Morrilton, Dec. 10—A franchise was passed by the Morrilton City Council at an adjourned session tonight granting a gas franchise to the Southern Power and Light Company and W. O. Trimmier for a period of 25 years.

The matter of granting a gas franchise has been before the city council for several months. The domestic rate included in the franchise passed by the council tonight is $1.50 for the first 1,000 cubic feet, 60 cents for the next 2,000 cubic feet, 50 cents per thousand for all gas consumed in excess of 4,000 cubic feet.

The Public Utilities Corporation first proposed a franchise of $1.75 for the first 1,000 cubic feet, 60 cents for the next 3,000 cubic feet, 50 cents for the next 2,000 cubic feet and 50 cents per thousand for all gas consumed in excess of 7,000 cubic feet, but presented a proposed franchise to the council tonight which included $1.50 for the first 2,000 cubic feet, 60 cents for the next 2,000 cubic feet, 50 cents for the next 2,000 cubic feet and 50 cents per thousand for all gas consumed in excess of 6,000 cubic feet.

The franchise adopted tonight was agreed upon by representatives of Morrilton, Atkins, Dardanelle and Russellville at a meeting at Russellville Wednesday night. Ordinances will be ready for action on these cities. The Southern Power and Light company, an Iowa corporation, has holdings in the sections totaling about 80,000 acres, a part of which is in the Clarksville producing area. Officials of the company intend to begin drilling in the near future, and agree to supply gas to Morrilton in six months after the ordinance is legally passed.

Mr. Trimmier and a corps of engineers will be in the territory next week to make a survey of the holdings, part of which are in Conway county.

MORRILTON VOTES FOR GAS FRANCHISE

Corporation Must Make Supply Available Within 60 Days.

Special to the Gazette
Morrilton, Dec. 10—Morrilton granted the Public Utilities Corporation a franchise for the supply of natural gas here today by a referendum in which the vote was 668 for and 3 votes against. The popular ballot closed all legalities concerning the franchise and the company will begin construction tomorrow. A bond was filed with the recorder for $30,000 to assure that the gas distributing system would be completed and an adequate supply of gas would be available within 60 days from the time construction started.

The franchise adopted today provides the following domestic rates; for the first 1,000 cubic feet of gas $1.50, for the next 3,000 cubic feet 60 cents per thousand for all gas in excess of 4,000 cubic feet, 50 cents per thousand for all gas in excess of 7,000 cubic feet. A $1.50 monthly per cent will be allowed to all domestic users whose bills are paid by the 20th of the month.

The Public Utilities Corporation have just completed lines to the Clarksville gas field which passes about one mile north of Morrilton.

Machinery for Scotland Oil Test Shipped.

Special to the Gazette
Morrilton, Dec. 9—The State Developing Company has shipped a carload of drilling machinery from J. D. Davis and expects to begin drilling near Audubon in southern Nevada County as soon as the machinery can be assembled. The machinery was announced today by Theodore Davis, local manager.

The drilling company has been taking leases for the past several months. It owns 48,000 acres totaling 48,000 acres which the company plans to increase to 70,000 acres. Mr. Davis announced that his company would drill a large number of the state's leases.

Location of Oil Test Made Near Morrilton.

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Morrilton, Dec. 9—The Southern Light Gas Company of Dallas, Tex., through its local representative, Donald Trenor, of Fayetteville, announced the location for the first test in the search for oil and gas in commercial quantities in the Pitts Ferry area on the Auton Farm in the southeast quarter of the southeast quarter of section 6-1-12, seven miles southwest of Morrilton in the Adair township.

Will Resume Drilling in Test Well Near Morrilton.

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Morrilton, Dec. 10—The Southern Light Gas Company and Donald Trenor No. 1, Arthur Rakey well in the southeast quarter of section 6-1-12, six miles southwest of Morrilton, will resume drilling in the first test this week. It is located on the Pitts Ferry area.

Columbia County

In Columbia county, the Eastern Texas Production Company is drilling below 9,100 feet in their Kendrick No. 1, located 200 feet south and 225 feet east of the northeast corner of the southeast quarter of section 7-19-18. The test is about 400 feet in the Glenn Farm formation with no property reported.

In the same county, the King Oil Corporation of Tuscumbia is drilling below 2,400 feet in the Eustace, Rhos & Fullenwater No. 1, test in the northeast corner of the southeast quarter of the northeast quarter of section 17-12-18. The test is running below 2,400 feet.

Columbia County

In Columbia county, the Eastern Texas Production Company is drilling below 7,000 feet in their Kendrick No. 1, located 200 feet south and 225 feet east of the northeast corner of the southwest corner of section 7-19-18. The test is about 400 feet in the Glenn Farm formation with no property reported.

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