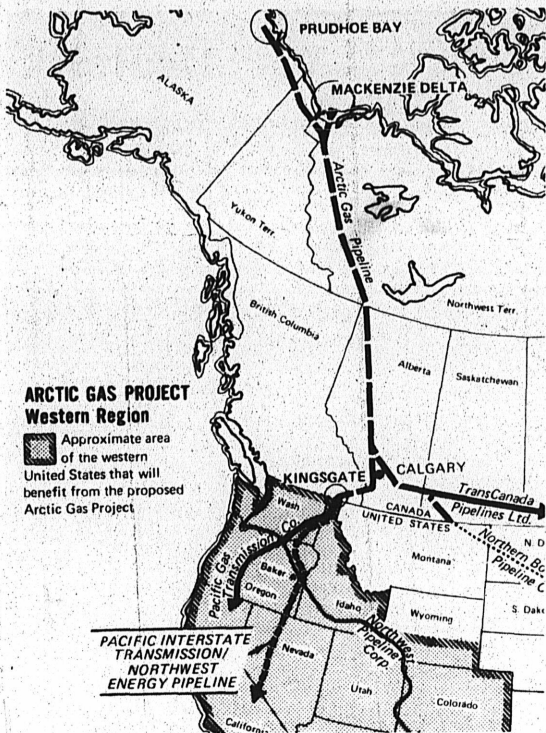


Arctic Gas Promotes Gas Pipeline

LAS VEGAS, Nev. — The Arctic Gas pipeline from Alaska's Prudhoe Bay and Canada's Mackenzie Delta to the "Southern Forty-Eight" will result in thousands of new jobs in the U.S. and a several billion dollar boost to the American economy, delegates to the Western Conference of Public Service Commission were told here this week.

Speaking to the group were Vernon L. Horte, president of Canadian Arctic Gas Pipeline Limited, and William W. Brackett, vice president and general counsel of Alaskan Arctic Gas Pipeline Company, and Canadian Arctic Gas Pipeline Limited. The Arctic Gas representatives noted that the 2,600-mile Arctic Gas pipeline would be the largest construction project in the history of private enterprise, but also emphasized that several billions more are planned to be spent on three companion facilities to take the gas from the U.S./Canadian border to American consumers.

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the lines are planned to service the western states, while another will transport the valuable resource to midwestern and eastern states.

Altogether, the 4.6 billion cubic feet per day which the line would carry amounts to about 6% of the entire U.S. demand for natural gas. All of the Alaskan gas will go to U.S. consumers, as will Canadian gas which is found excess to Canada's needs.

The Arctic Gas representa-

tives described to the commissioners expressions of support for the project by Canadian authorities and said that the Arctic Gas pipeline was just as valuable to Canada as to America, since it will help to forestall an energy crisis which would otherwise hit Canada by 1980, by giving Canada access to its Mackenzie Delta gas.

The \$5.7 billion pipeline will be the largest example of industrial cooperation and good will in history, the speakers said.