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TO USERS OF STEAM SUPPLIED BY CHENEY BROTHERS FOR HOUSE HEATING

For a number of years Cheney Brothers have been supplying steam from their boiler plant to the various Cheney owned houses and garages and to such houses which have been sold to others by the estates of deceased former owners.

Five of the boilers which produced this steam have been in continuous use for fifty-four years. Our insurance company considers that the safe life of a boiler is fifty years and has notified us that they insist that we must replace those boilers with new ones as soon as possible. If, when this replacement is made, we add sufficient boiler capacity to continue to supply steam to the houses mentioned in paragraph one, our investment would be increased by between \$30,000 and \$40,000. Furthermore, the main underground steam lines have been in constant use longer than the boilers as a result of which both steam pipes and asbestos covering are worn out and require frequent expensive repairs. If we were to replace the pipes and covering we would have to make an additional investment, the cost of which is difficult to estimate but which we believe would bring our total expenditure including boilers and pipe lines to between \$80,000 and \$100,000.

Several years ago the company notified those who used steam for heating houses and garages that steam service would have to be discontinued in the not too distant future and that when the time came house holders would be given 18 months notice of this discontinuance.

Much thought and careful study has been given to this subject and it was discussed at the meeting of the company's Board of Directors at their last meeting on June 24, 1954, and it is with great regret that we must now advise you that the Directors felt that in the present difficult business situation they could not justify making such a large investment for this purpose, and they voted that a formal notice should be given to all of the users of steam mentioned in paragraph one of this letter, and instructed me


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to notify you that the company would discontinue supplying steam for heating private houses and garages on December 31, 1955, which will give all users of steam ample time to provide for the heating of their houses by other means.

This office will be glad to advise you in regard to contractors whom you may talk to about installing heating equipment in your house and has available information which will be useful to the contractors.

Very truly yours,
ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

by


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