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HISTORICAL SKETCH

Citizens Gas & Coke Utility, a municipal public trust, was created in 1906 as a successor to the Consumers Gas Trust Company, started in 1887 in an attempt to develop the natural gas recently discovered in east central Indiana. The gas industry in Indianapolis had its beginnings in 1851 with artificial gas being used for the lighting of city streets. The Indianapolis Gas Light & Coke Company was given a special charter to lay pipes and erect gas works. This type of gas lighting was later operated by two companies named Citizens Gas Light & Coke Company and another named the Indianapolis Gas Light & Coke Company. Natural gas pumped into Indianapolis for use as fuel by the Consumers Gas Trust Company reached the city in December, 1888. Its rival was the Indianapolis Gas Company, incorporated in 1890 as the successor to the Indianapolis Gas Light & Coke Company and the Indianapolis Natural Gas Company, and controlled by directors in New York. Citizens Gas Company, incorporated in 1906, took over Consumers' operations in May, 1907. Citizens and Indianapolis Gas merged in 1913, with the name remaining Citizens Gas Company. The company operated out of offices in the Majestic Building, 49 S. Pennsylvania St. In 1918 Citizens purchased the Milburn Coal Company of West Virginia to help ease its coal supply limitations. That company was then renamed the Milburn Coal & By-Products Company.

In March, 1929, the Indianapolis Board of Works gave Citizens Gas Company formal notice of its intention to exercise its ownership option under the 1905 franchise agreement. The transfer from trust to public ownership occurred in 1935 when the Indiana General Assembly vested ownership in Citizens Gas & Coke Utility in the city of Indianapolis in the form of a public charitable trust. Under this arrangement the utility uses no tax money with the consumers acting as beneficiaries of the trust. The company is overseen by a Board of Trustees (5) who appoints a Board of Directors (7). The directors named initially named Thomas Law Kemp general manager of the company and Dean T. Burns superintendent of the Prospect St. plant. Burns replaced Kemp in 1952 and Victor C. Seiter succeeded Burns in 1965. Richard A. Steele became general manager in 1973, succeeding Seiter.

By an agreement with the Panhandle Eastern Pipe Line of Texas, Citizens has been providing natural gas fuel for its customers since 1951. In the 1990s, approximately 85% of Citizens' customers use natural gas for fuel. The company also continues to produce naturalized coke, originally used for heating, but now sold to foundries and blast furnaces. In 1956 the company moved from the Majestic Building to its new headquarters at the 2000 block of N. Meridian. The Milburn By-Products Coal Company's name was changed to the Citizens By-Products Coal Company in 1957 to allow for the storage of underground gas.

Sources:

Encyclopedia of Indianapolis, pp. 427-428
Journal Handbook of Indianapolis, p. 140

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

Other items in the collection include historically related contract and property documents such as right of way assignments, property transfers, leases, and assignment of franchises, 1905-1929. Also included are financial documents regarding the issuing, redemption, and retiring of preferred and common stock, 1921-1935 as well as cremation affidavit certificates for bonds and mortgages, 1914-1943. Also contained are publications such as The Gas Flame, 1970-1971, publicity news releases, 1967, private scrapbooks, advertising scrapbooks, 1967 & 1973, and brochures regarding gas conversion and gas revenue bonds, 1956 & 1961.

BOX AND FOLDER LISTING

BOX 1: Contracts and Property Documents, 1905-1929

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1 Sale & Assignment of Rights, U.S. Encaustic Tile Works, August, 1910
2 Franchise, Town of Broad Ripple, December, 1911
3 Franchise, Town of Beech Grove, May, 1929
4 Franchise to Potts, Stalnaker & Schmidt, May, 1906
5 Option to Purchase Gas Trust Co., May, 1907
6 Sale Contract, Consumers Gas Trust Co., May, 1907
7 Contract Approved Ordinance, Citizens Gas, Indianapolis, November, 1911
8 Indianapolis Franchise to Citizens Gas, August, 1905
9 Option to Purchase, Consumer Gas Trust Co., Jan., 1907
10 Consumers Gas Trust Co., Right of Way Assignments to Citizens Gas, July, 1908
11 Permit to Sell Gas in Woodruff Place, May, 1909
12 Franchise Surrender to and Permit From Indianapolis, 1921
13 Declaration Surrender to and Permit From Broad Ripple, August, 1901
14 Surrender of Franchise and By-Laws Amendments, n.d.
15 Lease from Indianapolis Gas Co., September, 1913
16 Lease from Indianapolis Gas Co., May, 1913
17 Indianapolis Gas Co., Certification of Mortgage, January, 1915
18 Contract with Indianapolis Gas Co. Syndicate, January, 1913
19 Indianapolis Chamber of Commerce, Stock Share, April, 1918

BOX 2: Financial and Property Documents, 1905-1953
FOLDER

1 Authorization to Issue Stock, October, 1921
2 Amendment to Articles of Incorporation, August, 1921
3 Certificate to Issue Common Stock, May, 1911
4 Certificate to Issue Common Stock, May, 1906
5 Certificate to Issue Preferred Stock, August, 1921
6 Certificate Regarding Articles of Incorporation, August, 1921
7 Legal Opinion Regarding Property Transfer, September, 1935
8 Legal Opinions Regarding Property Transfer, September, 1935
9 Resolution Regarding Common Stock Retirement, June, 1935
10 Resolution, Preferred Stock Redemption, June, 1935
11 Resolution, Retirement of Common Stock, June, 1905
12 Resolution, Retirement of Preferred Stock, June, 1935
13 Resolution Authorizing Prepayment of Preferred Stock, July, 1935
14 List of Property, June, 1923
15 Receipts for Documents Removed from Safely Deposit Box, 1931-1934
16 Certificate of Safekeeping, April, 1939
17 Release, Barker v. City of Indianapolis et al, February, 1941
18 Chase National Bank Disposition of Funds, May, 1942
19 Releases (2), Indianapolis Gas Co., May, 1942
20 Cremation Certificate, Unissued Mortgage Bonds, May, 1942
21 Receipts, Gas Utility Revenue Bonds, June, 1942
22 Board of Tax Commissioners, Assessments, October, 1942
23 Majestic Building Lease, September, 1935
24 Cremation Affidavit Certificates, 1914-1935
25 Cremation Affidavit Certificates, First & Refunding Mortgage, 1925-1945, Folder 1
26 Cremation Affidavit Certificates, First & Refunding Mortgage, 1925-1945, Folder 2
27 Cremation Affidavit Certificates, Gas Utility Revenue Temporary Bonds, 1942
28 Cremation Affidavit Certificates, Revenue Bonds & Coupons, 1943, Folder 1
29 Cremation Affidavit Certificates, Revenue Bonds & Coupons, 1943, Folder 2
30 Certificate of Final Dissolution, July, 1946
31 Letter, Utility Director & General Manager to City Council Declining Summons, April, 1947
32 Orders for Temporary Injunction, April, 1947
33 Approved Resolution Electing Social Security, 1953

**BOX 3: Minute Books and Printed Reports From Board Minute Books, 1982-1993**

**FOLDER**
1 (BV 3063-3128) Minutes & Records, 1873-1994, individually listed below
2 Gas Utility Revenue Bonds, 1982 Series (from BV 3107)
3 Proposed 1993 Budget, "Attachment A" (from BV 3114)
4 Proposed 1993 Budget, "Attachment A" (from BV 3114)
5 Revenue Refunding Bonds, 1993, "Exhibit A" (from BV 3115)
6 Supplemental Trust Indenture, 1993, "Exhibit B" (from BV 3115)
7 Bond Purchase Agreement, Feb., 1993, "Exhibit C" (from BV 3115)
8 Escrow Deposit Agreement, Feb., 1993, "Exhibit D" (from BV 4015)
9 Escrow Funding Agreement, 1993, "Exhibit E" (from BV 4015)

**MINUTES**
BV 3063 Indianapolis Gas Light & Coke, Minutes, 1873-1876
BV 3064 Indianapolis Gas Light & Coke, Minutes, April, 1876-April, 1881
BV 3065 Indianapolis Gas Light & Coke, Reports, Accounts, Board Minutes, 1876-1894
BV 3066 Indianapolis Natural Gas Co. Minutes, 1887-1894
BV 3067 Electric Lighting, Gas Heating & Illuminating Co. & Indianapolis Gas Co., Minutes, 1881-March, 1913
BV 3068 Indianapolis Gas Co., Minutes, May, 1890-Feb., 1905
BV 3069 Indianapolis Gas Co., Minutes, Feb., 1905-June, 1913
BV 3070 Indianapolis Gas Co., Minutes, July, 1913-1930
BV 3071 Citizens Gas Co., Minutes, Aug., 1905-Feb., 1913
BV 3102 Citizens Gas & Coke, Board Minutes, June, 1971-July, 1972
BV 3103 Citizens Gas & Coke, Board Minutes, Sept., 1972-Dec., 1974
BV 3104 Citizens Gas & Coke, Board Minutes, Jan., 1975-Dec., 1977
BV 3105 Citizens Gas & Coke, Board Minutes, Jan., 1978-Nov., 1979
BV 3108 Citizens Gas & Coke, Board Minutes, 1984-1985
BV 3109 Citizens Gas & Coke, Board Minutes, 1986
BV 3110 Citizens Gas & Coke, Board Minutes, 1987
BV 3111 Citizens Gas & Coke, Board Minutes, 1988
BV 3112 Citizens Gas & Coke, Board Minutes, 1989
BV 3113 Citizens Gas & Coke, Board Minutes, 1990-1991
BV 3114 Citizens Gas & Coke, Board Minutes, 1992
BV 3115 Citizens Gas & Coke, Board Minutes, 1993-1994
BV 3116 Citizens Gas & Coke, Trustees Minutes, 1930-1945
BV 3117 Citizens Gas & Coke, Trustees Minutes, 1946-Aug., 1963
BV 3118 Citizens Gas & Coke, Trustees Minutes, Nov., 1963-Dec., 1972
BV 3123 Citizens Gas Co., Records, Papers, Correspondence, Trustees of Utilities, Board of Directors, June, 1929-Dec., 1934
BV 3124 Milburn By-Products, Board Minutes, Jan., 1918-June, 1935
BV 3125 Milburn By-Products, Board Minutes, Dec., 1935-Oct., 1942

BV 3126 Milburn By-Products, Board Minutes, 1943-1955

BV 3127 Milburn/Citizens By-Products Board Minutes, March, 1956-May, 1967

BV 3128 Citizens By-Products, Board Minutes, Nov., 1967-Dec., 1985

**BOX 4: Accounting Reports, August, 1935-December, 1935: Report on Condition of Affairs, April, 1936-1939**

1 Accounting Reports, Aug., 1935-Dec., 1935, Folder 1

2 Accounting Reports, Aug., 1935-Dec., 1935, Folder 2

3 Accounting Reports, Aug., 1935-Dec., 1935, Folder 3

4 Accounting Reports, Aug., 1935-Dec., 1935, Folder 4

5 Report on Condition of Affair, April, 1936-Dec., 1937, Folder 1

6 Report on Condition of Affair, April, 1936-Dec., 1937, Folder 2

7 Report on Condition of Affair, April, 1936-Dec., 1937, Folder 3

8 Report on Condition of Affair, April, 1936-Dec., 1937, Folder 4

9 Report on Condition of Affair, April, 1936-Dec., 1937, Folder 5

10 Report on Condition of Affair, 1938-1939, Folder 1

11 Report on Condition of Affair, 1938-1939, Folder 2

12 Report on Condition of Affair, 1938-1939, Folder 3

13 Report on Condition of Affair, 1938-1939, Folder 4

**BOX 5: Report on Condition of Affair, 1940-1946**

1 Report on Condition of Affair, 1940-1941, Folder 1

2 Report on Condition of Affair, 1940-1941, Folder 2

3 Report on Condition of Affair, 1940-1941, Folder 3

4 Report on Condition of Affair, 1940-1941, Folder 4

5 Report on Condition of Affair, 1942-1943, Folder 1

6 Report on Condition of Affair, 1942-1943, Folder 2

7 Report on Condition of Affair, 1942-1943, Folder 3
8 Report on Condition of Affair, 1944-1946, Folder 1
9 Report on Condition of Affair, 1944-1946, Folder 2
10 Report on Condition of Affair, 1944-1946, Folder 3

**BOX 6: Monthly Reports, 1935; Utility Monthly Statements, 1936-1937**

FOLDER

1 Monthly Reports, 1935, Folder 1
2 Monthly Reports, 1935, Folder 2
3 Monthly Reports, 1935, Folder 3
4 Monthly Reports, 1935, Folder 4
5 Utility Monthly Statements, 1936, Folder 1
6 Utility Monthly Statements, 1936, Folder 2
7 Utility Monthly Statements, 1936, Folder 3
8 Utility Monthly Statements, 1936, Folder 4
9 Utility Monthly Statements, 1936, Folder 5
10 Utility Monthly Statements, 1937, Folder 1
11 Utility Monthly Statements, 1937, Folder 2

**BOX 7: Utility Monthly Statements, 1937-1938**

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1 Utility Monthly Statements, 1937, Folder 3
2 Utility Monthly Statements, 1937, Folder 4
3 Utility Monthly Statements, 1937, Folder 5
4 Utility Monthly Statements, 1937, Folder 6
5 Utility Monthly Statements, 1938, Folder 1
6 Utility Monthly Statements, 1938, Folder 2
7 Utility Monthly Statements, 1938, Folder 3
8 Utility Monthly Statements, 1938, Folder 4
9 Utility Monthly Statements, 1938, Folder 5
10 Utility Monthly Statements, 1938, Folder 6
11 Utility Monthly Statements, 1938, Folder 7

BOX 8: Utility Monthly Statements, 1939; Comparative Financial Statements, 1947-1950
FOLDER

1 Utility Monthly Statements, 1939, Folder 1
2 Utility Monthly Statements, 1939, Folder 2
3 Utility Monthly Statements, 1939, Folder 3
4 Utility Monthly Statements, 1939, Folder 4
5 Utility Monthly Statements, 1939, Folder 5
6 Utility Monthly Statements, 1939, Folder 6
7 Utility Monthly Statements, 1939, Folder 7
8 Comparative Financial Statements, 1947-1950, Folder 1
9 Comparative Financial Statements, 1947-1950, Folder 2
10 Comparative Financial Statements, 1947-1950, Folder 3
11 Comparative Financial Statements, 1947-1950, Folder 4
12 Comparative Financial Statements, 1947-1950, Folder 5
13 Comparative Financial Statements, 1947-1950, Folder 6

BOX 9: Comparative Financial Statements, 1947-1955
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1 Comparative Financial Statements, 1947-1950, Folder 7
2 Comparative Financial Statements, 1947-1950, Folder 8
3 Comparative Financial Statements, 1951-1953, Folder 1
4 Comparative Financial Statements, 1951-1953, Folder 2
5 Comparative Financial Statements, 1951-1953, Folder 3
6 Comparative Financial Statements, 1951-1953, Folder 4
7 Comparative Financial Statements, 1951-1953, Folder 5
8 Comparative Financial Statements, 1951-1953, Folder 6
9 Comparative Financial Statements, 1954-1955, Folder 1
10 Comparative Financial Statements, 1954-1955, Folder 2
11 Comparative Financial Statements, 1954-1955, Folder 3
12 Comparative Financial Statements, 1954-1955, Folder 4

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6 Operating Reports, January, 1956-June, 1956, Folder 6
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9 Operating Reports, July, 1956-December, 1956, Folder 3
10 Operating Reports, July, 1956-December, 1956, Folder 4
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12 Operating Reports, July, 1956-December, 1956, Folder 6

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3 Operating Reports, January, 1957-June, 1957, Folder 3
4 Operating Reports, January, 1957-June, 1957, Folder 4
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6 Operating Reports, January, 1957-June, 1957, Folder 6
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10 Operating Reports, July, 1957-December, 1957, Folder 4
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4 Operating Reports, January, 1958-June, 1958, Folder 4
5 Operating Reports, January, 1958-June, 1958, Folder 5
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7 Operating Reports, July, 1958-December, 1958, Folder 1
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6 Operating Reports, January, 1959-June, 1959, Folder 6
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6 Quarterly & Annual Reports, 1941
7 Quarterly, Annual & Interim Reports, 1942
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11 Quarterly & Annual Reports, 1946
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14 Quarterly & Annual Reports, 1949
15 Quarterly & Annual Reports, 1950

**BOX 15: Publication, Clippings & Publicity, 1938-1972**
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1 *Gas*, November, 1955
3 Gas Conversion Brochure, n.d.
4 Gas Revenue Bonds, 1961
5 Publicity--News Releases, 1967, Folder 1
6 Publicity--News Releases, 1967, Folder 2
7 Publicity--News Releases, 1967, Folder 3
8 *The Gas Flame*, April, 1970-October, 1971

9 Clippings, "Years of Progress," 1938-1941, Folder 1

10 Clippings, "Years of Progress," 1938-1941, Folder 2

11 Clippings, 1940-1944

12 "Old Clippings," 1947-1949

13 Clippings, 1956-1957

14 Clippings & Notes, 1969-1972

15 Clippings, 1970-1972

**BOX 16: Scrapbooks, 1933-1954**

**FOLDER**

1 (BV 3129-3164) Scrapbooks, 1912-1972, individually listed below

2 (OMB 61) Scrapbook, 1949-1950

3 (OMB 61) Scrapbook, 1952-1954

4 (OMB 61) Scrapbook, 1937-1938

**SCRAPBOOKS**

BV 3129 Scrapbook, April, 1912-July, 1913

BV 3130 Scrapbook, Sept., 1917-Dec., 1919

BV 3131 Scrapbook, May, 1928-June, 1931

BV 3132 Scrapbook, Jan., 1934-March, 1934

BV 3133 Scrapbook, Oct., 1935-Nov., 1935

BV 3134 Scrapbook, Oct., 1937-June, 1938

BV 3135 Scrapbook, Oct., 1937-Aug., 1939

BV 3136 Scrapbook, Aug., 1939-Dec., 1945

BV 3137 Scrapbook, Jan., 1946-April, 1947

BV 3138 Scrapbook, Dec., 1946-March, 1948 (V.C. Seiter)

BV 3139 Scrapbook, April, 1947-April, 1949

BV 3140 Scrapbook, April, 1948-Jan., 1949 (V.C. Seiter)

BV 3141 Scrapbook, Jan., 1949-June, 1950 (V.C. Seiter)
BV 3142 Scrapbook, May, 1949-July, 1954
BV 3143 Scrapbook, June, 1950-May, 1954
BV 3144 Scrapbook, Aug., 1954-May, 1957
BV 3147 Scrapbook, May, 1954-March, 1956
BV 3148 Scrapbook, April, 1958-Sept., 1961 (V.C. Seiter)
BV 3149 Scrapbook, March, 1959-Aug., 1960
BV 3151 Scrapbook, Sept., 1961-July, 1964
BV 3152 Scrapbook, March, 1962-June, 1963
BV 3153 Scrapbook, June, 1963-Aug., 1964
BV 3154 Scrapbook, Aug., 1964-March, 1965
BV 3156 Scrapbook, March, 1965-Sept., 1965
BV 3157 Scrapbook, Sept., 1965-Nov., 1965
BV 3161 Scrapbook, Jan., 1966-June, 1970 (Favorable)
BV 3162 Scrapbook, Oct., 1967-June, 1970 (Unfavorable)
BV 3163 Scrapbook, June, 1970-Dec., 1971

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1 (OMB 61) Clippings, 1947-1948
2 (OMB 61) Advertising Book, 1967
CATALOGUING INFORMATION

MAIN ENTRY: Citizens Gas & Coke Utility (Indianapolis, Ind.)

SUBJECT ENTRIES: Citizens Gas & Coke Utility (Indianapolis, Ind.)
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Gas companies--Indiana--Indianapolis
Gas companies--Law and legislation--Indiana
Gas industry--Indiana--Indianapolis
Gas lighting--Indiana--Indianapolis
Gas manufacture and works--Indiana--Indianapolis
Business records--Indiana--Indianapolis
Natural gas--Indiana--Indianapolis

ADDED ENTRIES: Citizens Gas Company (Indianapolis, Ind.)
Consumers Gas Trust Company (Indianapolis, Ind.)
Indianapolis Gas Light & Coke Company
Indianapolis Natural Gas Company
Indianapolis Gas Company
Citizens By-Products Coal Company (Milburn, W. Va.)
Milburn By-Products Coal Company (Milburn, W. Va.)
Milburn Coal Company (Milburn, W. Va.)
Electric Lighting, Gas Heating and Illuminating Company (Indianapolis, Ind.)

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