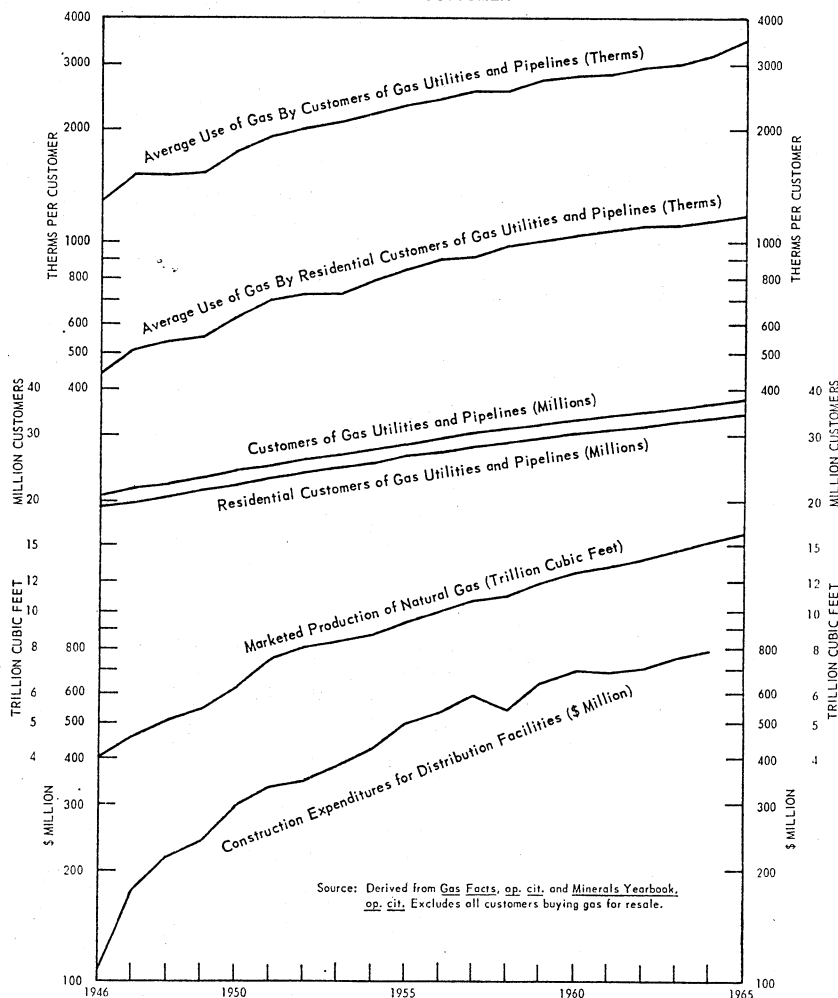


CHART 1

CONSTRUCTION EXPENDITURES, PRODUCTION OF NATURAL GAS, GAS CUSTOMERS AND USE PER CUSTOMER



Sources of financing for the construction and expansion of gas distribution systems are not available in detail. Since 1946 investor-owned gas utility and pipeline companies have received 64 percent of their new capital from debt issues, 28 percent from common stock issues and 8 percent from preferred stock issues.¹⁵ In addition, internally generated funds have become increasingly important; internal sources provided financing for about one-third of the gas utility and pipeline construction in the late 1950's and are now providing about half of the construction funds.

¹⁵ Based on data in *Gas Facts* plus information from AGA.