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Heating Plants of Ohio Edison Company Being Enlarged

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Beech Street Heating Plant Addition, Akron Ohio.

Steel work on an addition to Ohio Edison Company's Beech Street central steam heating plant in Akron is nearly completed. The addition will accommodate a new boiler capable of supplying 90,000 pounds of steam per hour, increasing the plant capacity by 28 per cent. The new steam-generating equipment is expected to be put in service some time in December.

At present, the plant houses four boilers. The enlargement will be of sufficient size to accommodate another boiler of similar size at a future date.

The new concrete, brick and steel structure, similar to the present plant design, will cover an area 64 by 53 feet, and will be 90 feet high.

The Beech Street plant supplies central steam heating service to substantially all the stores, hotels, laundries, theatres and public and office buildings in the downtown business section of Akron, and to the Elizabeth Park project of the Akron metropolitan housing authority.

Additions are also being made to Ohio Edison Company's central steam heating plants in Youngstown and Springfield.

In Youngstown, the first of three new boilers being installed was expected to be put in operation October 1. Each of the boilers will be capable of producing 75,000 pounds of steam per hour.

At present, the Youngstown plant has six boilers, four of which eventually will be replaced by the new installation. The plant has sufficient floor space to accommodate the new boilers, but the walls are being reinforced and the roof raised 20 feet over an area of approximately 58 by 85 feet.

The Springfield plant is having a 90,000-pounds-per-hour boiler installed, expected to be in operation November 1.

This installation is the first step in a modernization program that will eventually see all of the present equipment replaced.