

BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application)
of WASHINGTON NATURAL GAS COMPANY)
to Amend Certificate of Public)
Convenience and Necessity to)
Operate a Gas Plant for Hire to)
Include Additional Area in Pierce)
County, Washington.)
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CAUSE NO. U-9386

ORDER GRANTING
APPLICATION

Washington Natural Gas Company on June 19, 1962, filed an application to amend its present Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Operate a Gas Plant for Hire to include additional area adjacent to its presently certificated areas in Pierce County.

The company presently holds Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity No. 2, as amended May 28, 1962, in Cause No. U-9372. In general, Washington's certificate encompasses an area along the shores of Puget Sound extending from North of Marysville to a line west of Olympia and an area adjacent to and including the cities of Centralia and Chehalis. The additional area sought by the company consists of some twenty square miles of territory south of Puyallup and east of Spanaway in Pierce County. All the new area is adjacent to the company's presently certificated areas.

The additional area sought by Washington includes a fairly well developed rural area known as the Half Dollar Berry Tracts in which the company reports a desire for gas service. While the area is contiguous to presently certificated areas of the company, it is proposed to serve the area from a "farm tap" on the main pipeline of the Pacific Northwest Division of the El Paso Natural Gas Company, which pipeline passes through the Half Dollar Berry Tracts. El Paso has agreed to provide the mainline tap, but Washington states the pipeline company requires it be certificated for the area before the "farm tap" can be activated. The Commission realizes Washington Natural Gas Company is capable of economically providing adequate gas service in the additional area it seeks and its gas certificate should be amended as requested.

The Gas Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity presently issued to Washington Natural Gas Company delineates its certificated area by attached Appendices A-1 to A-7 inclusive, consisting of maps and legal descriptions. It is the Commission's opinion Appendix A-4 should be amended to include the over-all area encompassed by the legal description detailed in the Order part of this cause, which includes the additional area requested by the company.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Washington Natural Gas Company operates a gas plant for hire in this state and is subject to the jurisdiction of this Commission.

2. Washington Natural Gas Company has heretofore been issued Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Operate a Gas Plant for Hire No. 2, as amended May 28, 1962, in Cause No. U-9372.

3. Washington Natural Gas Company seeks to amend its present Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to include additional area.

4. The additional area requested is contiguous to the company's present service areas.

5. At present there is no gas company operating a gas plant for hire in the area in question.

6. Washington Natural Gas Company is capable of installing plant facilities to make natural gas service available in the area to be certificated.

7. Washington Natural Gas Company has an adequate source of natural gas.

8. The operation of a gas plant for hire by Washington Natural Gas Company in the additional area applied for is or will be required by the public convenience and necessity.

9. The Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity presently held by the Washington Natural Gas Company should be amended to include the additional area requested by the company.

O R D E R

1. IT IS HEREBY ORDERED That the application of Washington Natural Gas Company to amend its Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Operate a Gas Plant for Hire to encompass additional area in Pierce County is approved as follows:

a. All of the incorporated cities of Tacoma, Ruston, Fircrest, Steilacoom, the communities of Lakeview, Brookdale, Parkland, and additional portions of King County and Pierce County adjacent thereto lying within the area described as follows:

Beginning at the point where the easterly line of Puget Sound intersects the east line of Sec. 1, T 21 N, R 3 E.W.M.; thence following the easterly line of Puget Sound and its bays and estuaries through Tps. 21 and 20, and into T 19 to the intersection of the west line of Sec. 14, T 19 N, R 1 E; thence south along the west lines of Secs. 14, 23, 26, and 35, T 19 N, R 1 E.W.M., to the southwest corner of said Sec. 35; thence east along the south lines of said Secs. 35 and 36 in T 19 N, R 1 E.W.M., and the south lines of Secs. 31, 32, 33, 34, 35 and 36 in T 19 N, R 2 E.W.M., and along the south lines of Secs. 31, 32, 33, 34, 35 and 36 of T 19 N, R 3 E, and along the south line of Secs. 31, 32, 33, 34, and 35 of T 19 N, R 4 E.W.M.,

the east line of said Sec. 35 and of Secs. 26, 23, 14, and 11 in T 19 N, R 4 E.W.M., to the northeast corner of said Sec. 11; thence west along the north line of said Sec. 11 and of Secs. 10, 9, 8, and 7, T 19 N, R 4 E.W.M., to the northwest corner of said Sec. 7; thence north along the east line of Sec. 1, T 19 N, R 3 E, and along the east lines of Secs. 36, 25, 24, 13, 12 and 1 in T 20 N, R 3 E.W.M., and along the east lines of Secs. 36, 25, 24, 13, 12 and 1 in T 21 N, R 3 E.W.M., to the point of beginning,

as further shown on Appendix A-4 (amended) attached hereto and by this reference made a part hereof.

2. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED That the Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity issued pursuant to Order Paragraph No. 1 above, supersedes and cancels Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity No. 2, as amended, and issued to Washington Natural Gas Company on May 28, 1962, in Cause No. U-9372. Said Certificate of May 28, 1962, should be forthwith returned to this Commission.

3. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED That jurisdiction over this cause is retained to effectuate the provisions of this order and future consideration to determine alterations, if any, to be made to the Certificate issued to Order Paragraph No. 1 above, to conform to the requirements of public convenience and necessity as the same may then be made to appear.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective this 2nd day of July, 1962.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

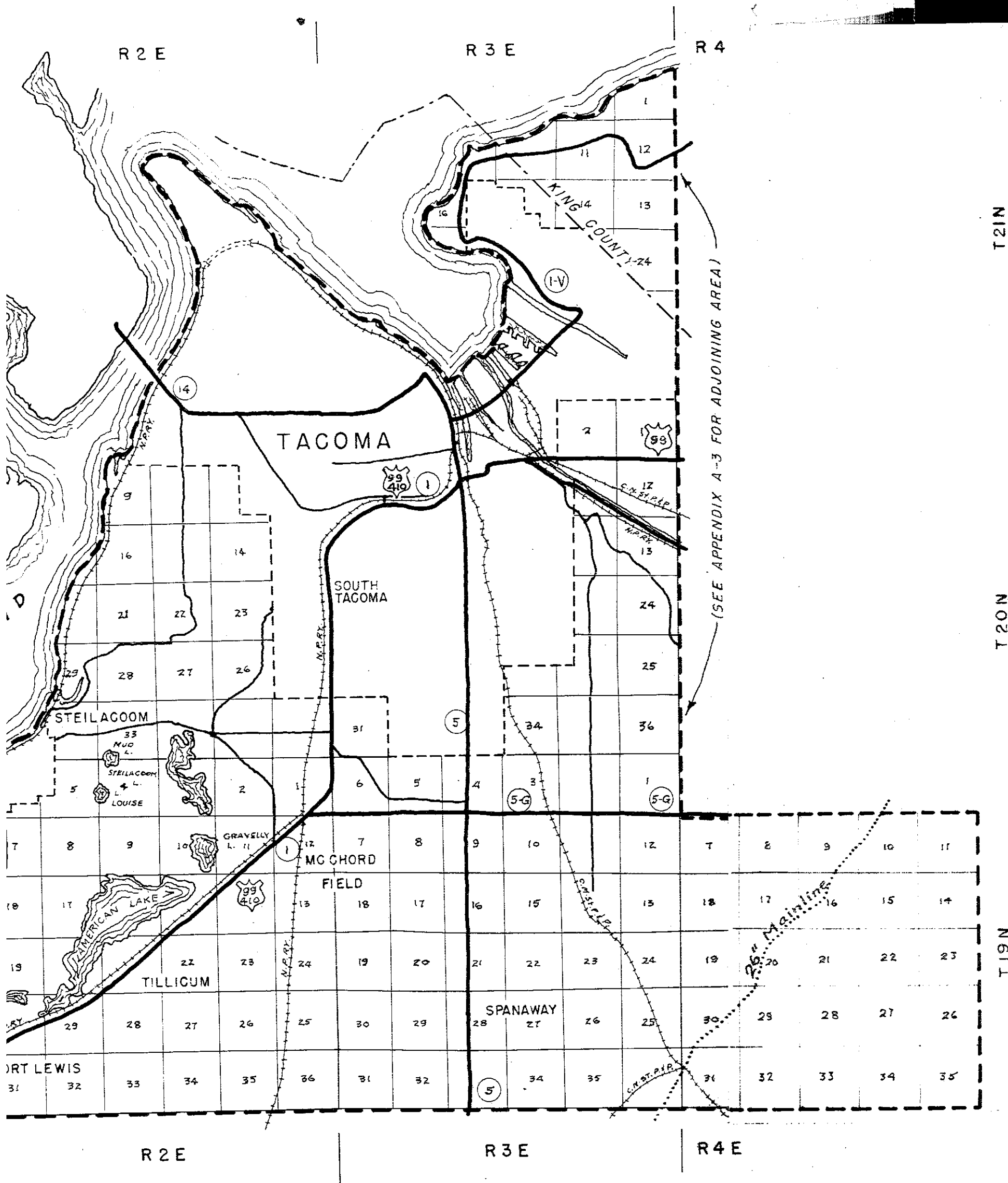


FRANCIS PEARSON, Chairman



DAYTON A. WITTEN, Commissioner

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DIX A-4 (AMENDED)
 NO. U-9386
 TURAL GAS COMPANY
 VICE AREA —————
 -KING & PIERCE COUNTIES)

WASHINGTON
 UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION
 COMMISSION
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