

BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application of )	
WASHINGTON NATURAL GAS COMPANY for a )	CAUSE NO. U-9597
Certificate of Public Convenience and )	
Necessity to Operate a Gas Plant for )	ORDER GRANTING
Hire in the general area or areas of )	APPLICATION
Snohomish, King, Pierce, Thurston and )	
Lewis Counties. )	
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On April 5, 1965, the Washington Natural Gas Company, a Washington corporation, filed an application in this Cause to amend its present Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Operate a Gas Plant for Hire No. 2 amended, to include additional areas. The additional areas requested by the company include the towns of Snoqualmie and North Bend and adjacent area in King County, as well as the towns of Toledo and Winlock and adjacent area in Lewis County. Washington supplemented its original application on April 26, 1965, with a feasibility study to show the economic justification for offering gas service in the additional areas delineated in its application.

The Snoqualmie-North Bend area, Washington seeks to be certificated for, is east of and contiguous to the company's Issaquah service area. Snoqualmie has a population of around 1,200 and is the site of a substantial lumber operation of the Weyerhaeuser Company. North Bend has a population of about 1,000 and caters to tourist and ski trade. Between Issaquah and Snoqualmie-North Bend the company expects a number of housing projects will be developed. Also the Beaver Valley School is being built in the Preston area and it has indicated a desire for gas service.

Toledo with a population of 585 is close to the El Paso Natural Gas Company's main pipeline and the town may be served with very little investment. Winlock, a town of 805, is about three miles from the El Paso pipeline, but several potential industrial customers as well as residential and commercial potential gas users justify the offering of gas service in Winlock and adjacent area. Both towns are not very far from Washington's Centralia-Chehalis service area and service personnel from that area could readily take care of the proposed Toledo and Winlock operation.

Washington has contacted the officials of all the incorporated towns in the area it seeks and reports it expects to have no trouble in obtaining franchises. North Bend, Snoqualmie and Winlock have had the first readings on the proposed franchises. The City Council of Toledo has agreed to bring up the franchise for its first reading early in May. The company's construction budget for 1965 includes funds for constructing the necessary additional plant facilities. There should be no problem in obtaining additional gas to supply the new area from the gas pipeline supplier. However, El Paso, which operates the pipeline, will have to obtain Federal Power Commission authority to provide the additional gas.

In discussing the extent of the area encompassed in this application, Washington officials offered no objection to eliminating the northeast half of Township 24 North, Range 8 East from the area it seeks. The eliminated area is northeast of the towns of Snoqualmie and North Bend and is quite mountainous.

No other gas company is operating in or certificated for the areas requested by Washington. It is the opinion of the Commission the operation of a gas plant for hire by the Washington Natural Gas Company in the areas it seeks certification is or will be required by the public convenience and necessity.

#### 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 June 18, 1964, in Cause No. U-9536.
3. Washington Natural Gas Company seeks to amend its present Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to include additional areas in King and Lewis Counties.
4. The additional areas requested are contiguous to the company's present service areas.
5. At present there is no gas company operating a gas plant for hire in the areas in question.
6. Washington Natural Gas Company is able to finance the necessary plant facilities required to make natural gas service available in the additional areas it has requested.
7. Washington Natural Gas Company should be able to obtain an adequate source of natural gas.
8. The operation of a gas plant for hire by Washington Natural Gas Company in the additional areas 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 areas 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 areas in King and Lewis Counties is approved as follows:

(a) All of the incorporated cities of Centralia, Chehalis, Winlock and Toledo, and additional portions of Lewis County adjacent thereto lying within the area described as follows:

Beginning at the northeast corner of Sec. 28, T. 15 N., R. 2 W.W.M.; thence west along the north lines of Sec. 28, 29 and 30, T. 15 N., R. 2 W., and Sec. 25, T. 15 N., R. 3 W., to the northwest corner of said Sec. 25; thence south along the west line of said Sec. 25, and along the west line of Sec. 36, T. 15 N., R. 3 W., and south along the west lines of Sec. 1, 12, 13, 24, 25 and 36, T. 14 N., R. 3 W., and south along the west lines of Sec. 1 and 12, T. 13 N., R. 3 W., to the southwest corner of said Sec. 12; thence east along the south line of Sec. 12 and along the south lines of Sec. 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11, T. 13 N., R. 2 W., to the southeast corner of said Sec. 11; thence south along the west lines of Sec. 13, 24, 25 and 36, T. 13 N., R. 2 W., and south along the west lines of Sec. 1 and 12, T. 12 N., R. 2 W., to the southwest corner of said Sec. 12; thence west along the north line of Sec. 14, 15, 16 and 17, T. 12 N., R. 2 W., to the northwest corner of Sec. 17; thence south along the west line of Sec. 17, 20, 29 and 32, T. 12 N., R. 2 W., and Sec. 5, 8, 17 and 20, T. 11 N., R. 2 W., to the southwest corner of Sec. 20; thence east along the south line of Sec. 20, 21, 22, 23 and 24, T. 11 N., R. 2 W., and Sec. 19, 20 and 21, T. 11 N., R. 1 W., to the southeast corner of Sec. 21; thence north along the east line of Sec. 21, 16, 9 and 4, T. 11 N., R. 1 W., and Sec. 33, 28, 21, 16, 9 and 4, T. 12 N., R. 1 W., to the northeast corner of Sec. 4; thence west along the north line of Sec. 4 and 5, T. 12 N., R. 1 W., to the northwest corner of Sec. 5; thence north along the east line of Sec. 31, 30, 19, 18, 7 and 6, T. 13 N., R. 1 W., and Sec. 31, 30, 19 and 18, T. 14 N., R. 1 W., to the northeast corner of said Sec. 18; thence west along the north line of said Sec. 18, and along the north lines of Sec. 13, 14 and 15, T. 14 N., R. 2 W., to the northwest corner of said Sec. 15; thence north along the east lines of Sec. 9 and 4, T. 14 N., R. 2 W., and along the east lines of Sec. 33 and 28, T. 15 N., R. 2 W., to the point of beginning,

as further shown of Appendix A-6 (amended) attached hereto and by this reference made a part hereof.

(b) All of the incorporated towns of Snoqualmie and North Bend and additional portions of King County adjacent thereto lying within the area described as follows:

Beginning at the northeast corner of Sec. 8, T. 25 N., R. 7 E.W.M.; thence south along the east lines of Sec. 8, 17, 20, 29 and 32, to the southeast corner of said Sec. 32; thence east along the north lines of Sec. 4, 3, 2 and 1 T. 24 N., R. 7 E., to the northeast corner of said Sec. 1; thence southeasterly through Sec. 6, 8, 16, 22, 26 and 36,

T. 24 N., R. 8 E., to the southeast corner of said Sec. 36; thence south along the east lines of Sec. 1, 12, 13 and 24, T. 23 N., R. 8 E., to the southeast corner of said Sec. 24; thence west along the south lines of Sec. 24, 23, 22, 21, 20 and 19, T. 23 N., R. 8 E., and Sec. 24, 23, 22, 21, 20 and 19, T. 23 N., R. 7 E., to the southwest corner of said Sec. 19; thence north along the west lines of Sec. 19, 18, 7 and 6, T. 23 N., R. 7 E., and Sec. 31, 30, 19, 18, 7 and 6, T. 24 N., R. 7 E., to the northwest corner of said Sec. 6; thence west along the south lines of Sec. 36 and 35, T. 25 N., R. 6 E., to the southwest corner of said Sec. 35; thence north along the west lines of Sec. 35, 26, 23, 14 and 11, T. 25 N., R. 6 E., to the northwest corner of said Sec. 11; thence east along the north lines of Sec. 11 and 12, T. 25 N., R. 6 E., and Sec. 7 and 8, T. 25 N., R. 7 E., to the point of beginning,

and as further shown on Appendix A-9, 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 June 18, 1964. Said Certificate of June 18, 1964, 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 pursuant 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 11th day of May, 1965.

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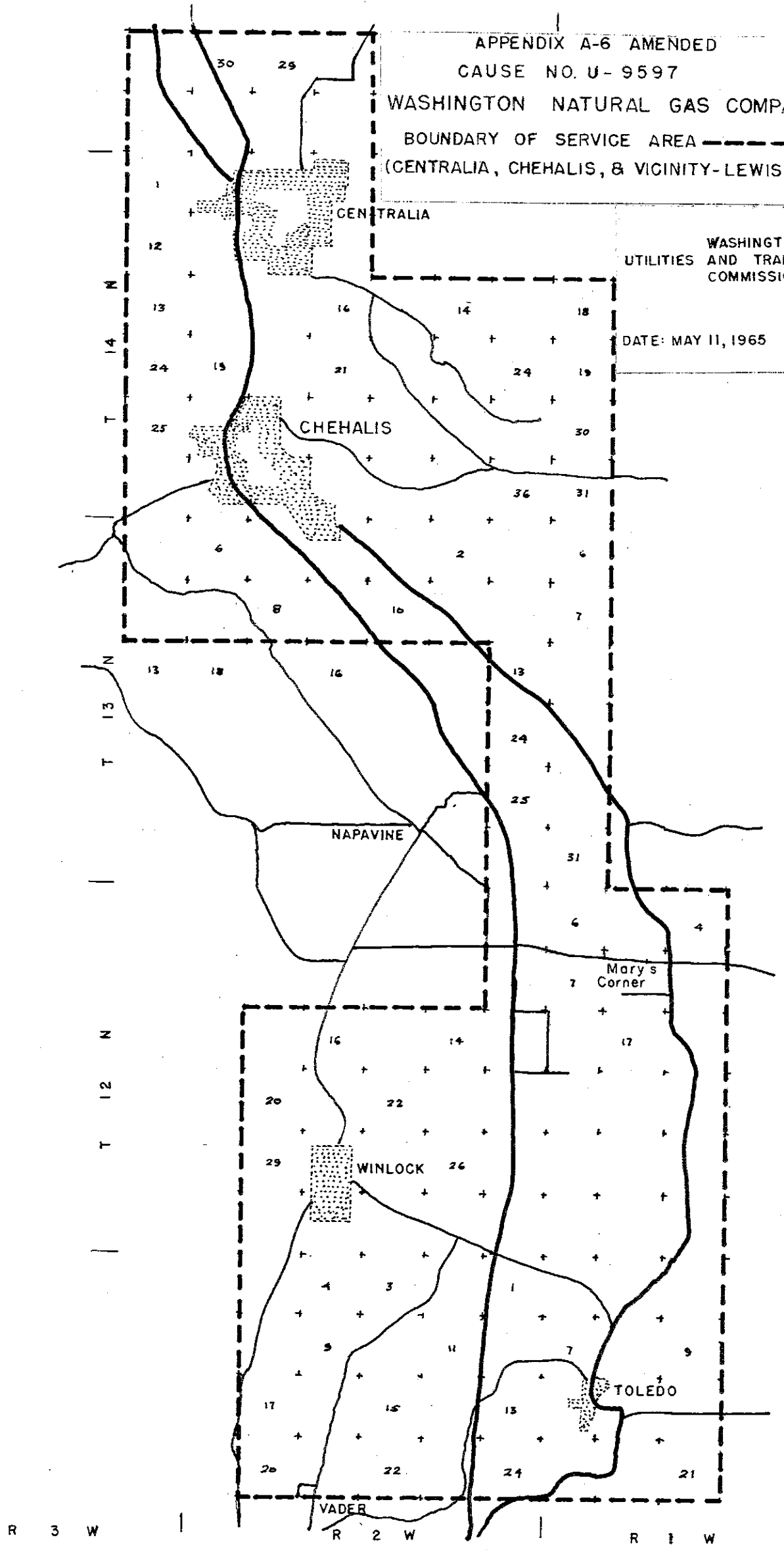
  
FRANCIS PEARSON, Chairman

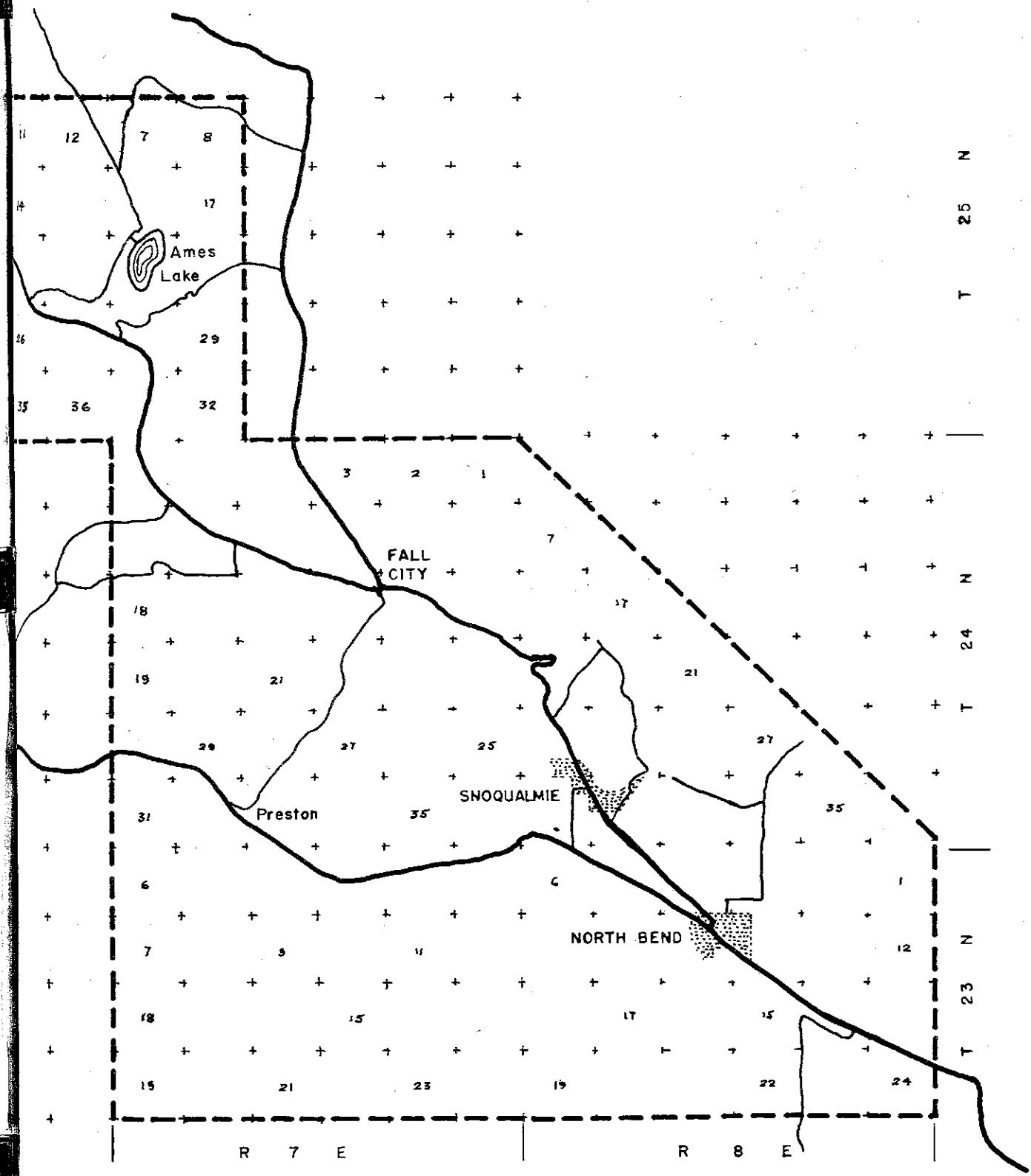
  
PATRICK D. SUTHERLAND, Commissioner

  
DAYTON A. WITTEN, Commissioner

APPENDIX A-6 AMENDED  
 CAUSE NO. U-9597  
 WASHINGTON NATURAL GAS COMPANY  
 BOUNDARY OF SERVICE AREA -----  
 (CENTRALIA, CHEHALIS, & VICINITY-LEWIS COUNTY)

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APPENDIX A-9  
 CAUSE NO. U-9597  
 WASHINGTON NATURAL GAS COMPANY  
 BOUNDARY OF SERVICE AREA - - - - -  
 (NORTH BEND & VICINITY-KING COUNTY)

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