

BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application of )  
WASHINGTON NATURAL GAS COMPANY to )  
Amend its Certificate of Public Con- )  
venience and Necessity to Operate a )  
Gas Plant for Hire in the general )  
area or areas of Snohomish, King, )  
Pierce, Thurston and Lewis Counties. )  
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CAUSE NO. U-9389

ORDER GRANTING  
APPLICATION

The Washington Natural Gas Company, filed with the Commission on July 18, 1962, an application to amend its present Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Operate a Gas Plant for Hire to include additional area in Lewis County contiguous to its Centralia-Chehalis operation. Washington presently holds Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Operate a Gas Plant for Hire No. 2 as amended July 2, 1962, in Cause No. U-9386. The additional Lewis County area sought by the company is south of the City of Chehalis along Highway 99. The main gas pipeline of the Pacific Northwest Pipeline Corporation passes through the area.

In support of its request for certification of the additional area the company submitted the following statement:

"The justification for this request is that we have a potential large customer at Mary's Corner. This potential customer is currently drawing plans for a restaurant-hotel and is platting an area adjacent to these installations for a housing development. It is our intention to serve him from a farm tap on the El Paso main line, which main line is only a few hundred feet from his development.

"In addition there are other prospects in the area with whom we are negotiating and who we feel will shortly be in a position to accept gas service."

While the additional area requested by the company is somewhat sparsely settled it appears that gas service can be made available to the area at a minimum of cost from a "farm tap" on the gas transmission pipeline. Furthermore the installation of a restaurant-hotel in the area may lead to the construction of other commercial activities in the area.

No other gas company has filed an application to be certificated for the additional area requested by Washington. The Commission is fully cognizant that Washington is capable of economically providing adequate natural 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-6 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 July 2, 1962, in Cause No. U-9386.
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 Lewis County is approved as follows:

a. All of the incorporated cities of Centralia and Chehalis, 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 Secs. 28, 29 and 30 in T 15 N, R 2 W, and Sec. 25 in 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 in T 15 N, R 3 W, and south along the west lines of Secs. 1, 12, 13, 24, 25 and 36 in T 14 N, R 3 W, and south along the west lines of Secs. 1 and 12 in T 13 N, R 3 W, to the southwest corner of said Sec. 12; thence east along the south line of said Sec. 12 and along the south lines of Secs. 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 in T 13 N, R 2 W, to the southeast corner of said Sec. 11; thence south along the west lines of Secs. 13, 24, 25 and 36 in T 13 N, R 2 W, and south along the west lines of Secs. 1 and 12 in T 12 N, R 2 W, to the southwest corner of said Sec. 12; thence east along the south line of said Sec. 12, and along the south line of Sec. 7 in T 12 N, R 1 W, to the southeast corner of said Sec. 7; thence north along the east line of said Sec. 7, and along the east line of Sec. 6 in T 12 N, R 1 W, and north along the east lines of Secs. 31, 30, 19, 18, 7 and 6 in T 13 N, R 1 W, and north along the east lines of Secs. 31, 30, 19 and 18 in 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 Secs. 13, 14 and 15 in T 14 N, R 2 W, to the northwest corner of said Sec. 15; thence north along the east lines of Secs. 9 and 4 in T 14 N, R 2 W, and along the east lines of Secs. 33 and 28 in T 15 N, R 2 W, to the point of beginning,

as further shown on Appendix A-6 (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 July 2, 1962, in Cause No. U-9386. Said Certificate of July 2, 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.

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DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective this 20th day of August, 1962.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

*Francis Pearson*

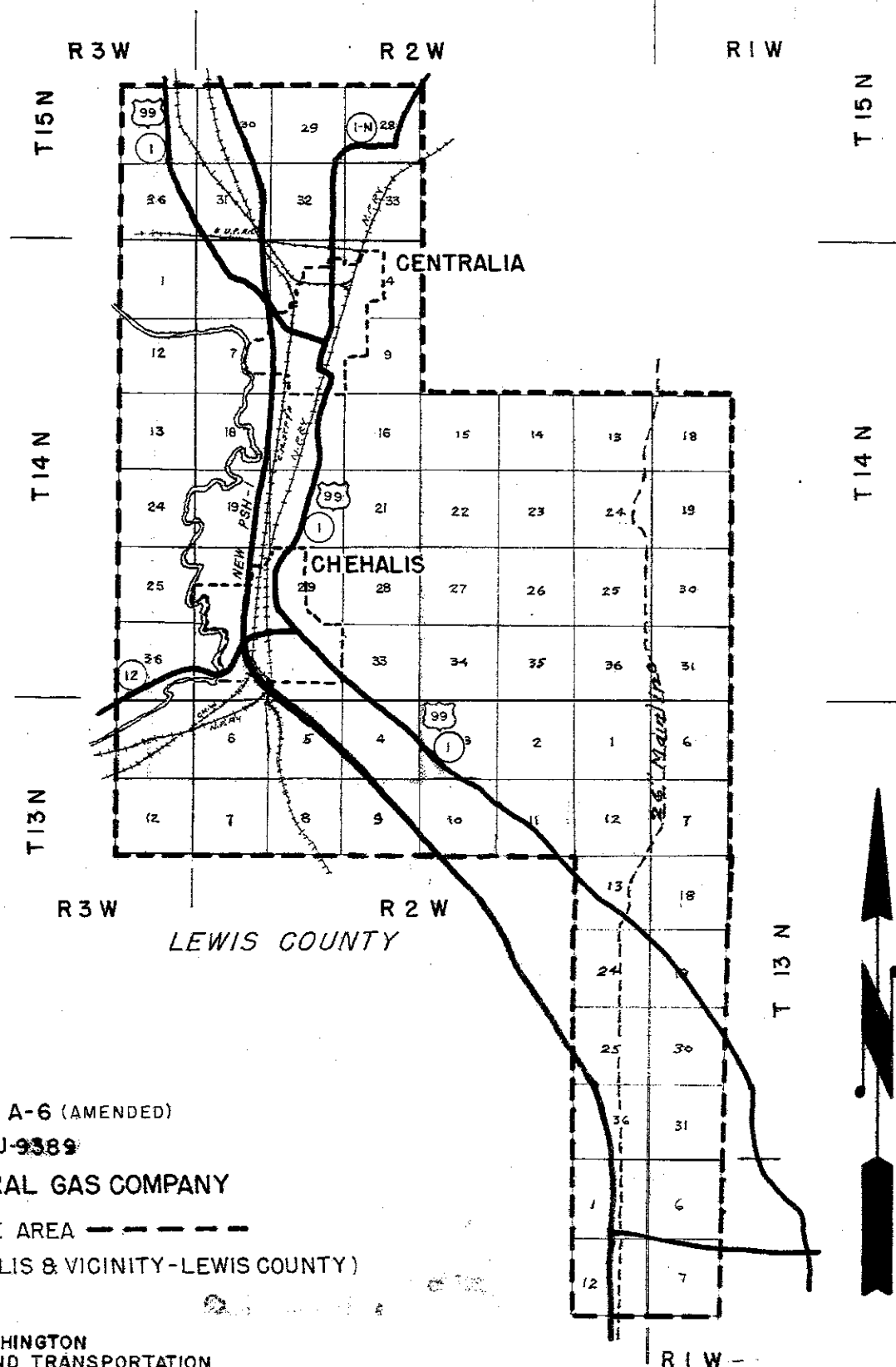
FRANCIS PEARSON, Chairman

*Patrick D. Sutherland*

PATRICK D. SUTHERLAND, Commissioner

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APPENDIX A-6 (AMENDED)  
 CAUSE NO. U-9389  
 WASHINGTON NATURAL GAS COMPANY  
 BOUNDARY OF SERVICE AREA - - - - -  
 (CENTRALIA & CHEHALIS & VICINITY-LEWIS COUNTY)

WASHINGTON  
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 COMMISSION

DATE: AUG. 20, 1962 BY: T.W.