

BEFORE THE WASHINGTON PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application of)	
WASHINGTON NATURAL GAS COMPANY to)	
Amend Its Certificate of Public Convenience)	
and Necessity to Operate a Gas Plant for Hire)	CAUSE NO. U-8923
in the General Areas of Snohomish, King,)	
Pierce, Thurston and Lewis Counties, to)	ORDER GRANTING
Encompass the Incorporated Area of the City)	APPLICATION
of Marysville and Adjacent Area in Snohomish)	
County, Washington)	
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By application filed with and received by the Washington Public Service Commission January 11, 1957, the applicant, Washington Natural Gas Company, hereinafter referred to as applicant or Washington, seeks to amend its present Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Operate a Gas Plant for Hire to encompass the City of Marysville and environs in Snohomish County.

Applicant presently holds gas Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity No. 2, dated May 2, 1956, and operates gas plants for hire in the general areas of Everett and vicinity in Snohomish County; Seattle and vicinity in King and Snohomish Counties; Puyallup, Sumner, Auburn, Kent and vicinity in King and Pierce Counties; Tacoma and vicinity in Pierce County; Olympia and vicinity in Thurston and Pierce Counties; Centralia, Chehalis and vicinity in Lewis County. The above areas are more fully described and detailed in the Supplemental Order in Cause No. U-8839, Appendices A-1 to A-6 inclusive, and the present application does not request any changes in those areas.

Washington Natural Gas Company holds a franchise from the City of Marysville as well as one from Snohomish County for the additional area included in the present application.

The Commission is aware that Washington and its predecessors have a long and successful record of supplying gas service to many communities in this state. Applicant also has a large and capable staff of employees and is fully qualified to provide adequate gas service for the additional area it seeks certification. The area requested by the present application is contiguous to the northern boundary of the City of Everett where Washington is now operating, and it appears to be reasonably within the normal growth and expansion of that service area.

Washington Natural Gas Company is the only company that has requested certification for the area in question. The Pacific Natural Gas Co. and the Cascade Natural Gas Corporation, holders of certificates to operate gas plants contiguous to the requested area, have informed the Commission they have no interest in serving the area under consideration.

Applicant has demonstrated its financial responsibility in the past by being able to procure substantial capital funds when required. The company has informed the Commission it has made provision in its 1957 capital requirements for the cost of installing gas facilities in the Marysville area.

The City of Marysville and vicinity, population-wise, merit natural gas service and the applicant is able to undertake construction of necessary facilities in the area within a reasonable time. It appears contracts held by Washington with the Pacific Northwest Pipeline Corporation will assure an adequate supply of natural gas for the area.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Washington Natural Gas Company operates a gas plant for hire in this state subject to the jurisdiction of this Commission.
2. Washington Natural Gas Company has heretofore been issued in Cause No. U-8839, Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity No. 2, to operate a gas plant for hire in the general areas of Everett and vicinity in Snohomish County; Seattle and vicinity in King and Snohomish Counties; Puyallup, Sumner, Auburn, Kent and vicinity in King and Pierce Counties; Tacoma and vicinity in Pierce County; Olympia and vicinity in Thurston and Pierce Counties; Centralia, Chehalis and vicinity in Lewis County. The presently certificated areas are fully delineated in the Supplemental Order in Cause No. U-8839, Appendices A-1 to A-6 inclusive.
3. Washington Natural Gas Company seeks to amend its present Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to include the City of Marysville and certain areas adjacent thereto.
4. The area sought to be incorporated into the present Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity is contiguous to the applicant's present Everett service area.
5. At present there is no gas company operating a gas plant for hire in the area in question.
6. The two gas companies presently certificated for the areas contiguous to the requested area have made no application to be certified for the area.
7. Washington Natural Gas Company is capable of installing plant facilities to make gas service available to the additional area it seeks certification.
8. Washington Natural Gas Company appears to have available an adequate supply of gas to serve the present anticipated demands of the additional area sought to be certificated.
9. The operation of a gas plant for hire by Washington Natural Gas Company in the additional area proposed to be served is or will be required by the public convenience and necessity.
10. The Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity presently held by the Washington Natural Gas Company should be amended to include the City of Marysville and the general areas of Snohomish County adjacent thereto as set forth in Exhibit "A" of the application.

ORDER

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

a. All of the incorporated area comprising the City of Marysville and additional portions of Snohomish County, Washington, adjacent thereto lying within the area described as follows:

Beginning at the northeast corner of Sec. 25, T 31 N, R 5 E, W.M.; thence south along the east line of Secs. 25 and 36 in said township and range, and the east line of Secs. 1, 12, 13, 24, 25 and 36 in T 30 N, R 5 E, W.M. and the east line of Secs. 1, 12, 13, 24, 25 and 36 in T 29 N, R 5 E, W.M. to the southeast corner of said Sec. 36; thence west along the south line of said Secs. 36 and 35 in T 29 N, R 5 E, W.M. to the southwest corner of said Sec. 35 and the east line of the area included in Gas Certificate No. 2, as amended May 2, 1956, issued to Washington Natural Gas Company and described in Appendix "A-1" of said Certificate; thence north along the west line of said Secs. 35 and 26 in T 29 N, R 5 E, W.M. and said easterly line of the area included in said Gas Certificate No. 2, to the northwest corner of said Sec. 26; thence west along the south line of Secs. 22 and 21 of said T 29, and a northerly line of said area included in said Gas Certificate No. 2, to the westerly line of Deadwater Slough; thence northerly along said westerly line to the southerly line of the Snohomish River; thence northerly to the pier head line of the westerly side of the Snohomish River; thence northerly and westerly along said pier head line to Gardner Bay in Puget Sound; thence northerly, westerly and southerly along the shore line of Gardner Bay to the easterly line of Sec. 1, T 29 N, R 4 E, W.M.; thence southerly, westerly and northwesterly along the line of said Sec. 1 and northwesterly along the easterly shore line of Puget Sound to its intersection with the north line of Sec. 25, T 31 N, R 3 E, W.M.; thence east along the north line of said Sec. 25 and the north line of Secs. 30, 29, 28, 27, 26 and 25 of T 31 N, R 4 E, W.M. and the north line of Secs. 30, 29, 28, 27, 26 and 25 in T 31 N, R 5 E, W.M. to the point of beginning; all in Snohomish County, Washington

as further shown on Appendix "A-7" 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 1 above, supersedes and cancels Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity No. 2, issued to Washington Natural Gas Company, May 2, 1956. Said certificate of May 2, 1956 shall be forthwith returned to this Commission.

3. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED That following the expiration of 18 months from the effective date of this order the Commission shall bring the matter on for further consideration to determine the appropriate alterations, if any, to be made to Appendix "A-7" of 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.

4. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED That jurisdiction over this cause is retained to effectuate the provisions of this order.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective this 3rd day of May, 1957.

WASHINGTON PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Joseph Starin
JOSEPH STARIN, Commissioner
Francis Pearson

FRANCIS PEARSON, Commissioner