

BEFORE THE WASHINGTON PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application of)
 CASCADE NATURAL GAS CORPORATION)
 for a Certificate of Public Convenience)
 and Necessity to Operate a Gas Plant for)
 Hire in the general area or areas of)
 Lynden, Everson and Nooksack, Wash-)
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CAUSE NO. U-9263

ORDER AMENDING
 PRESENT CERTIFICATE

The Cascade Natural Gas Corporation, a Washington corporation, filed with the Commission on January 7, 1961, an application to amend its present Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Operate a Gas Plant for Hire to encompass the City of Lynden and the Towns of Everson and Nooksack and adjacent areas in Whatcom County. Cascade presently holds Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Operate a Gas Plant for Hire No. 4 amended, issued November 18, 1960, in Cause No. U-9253. The gas certificate now held by Cascade includes the Cities of Bellingham and Ferndale and adjacent areas in Whatcom County and is contiguous to the area requested in this cause.

Cascade submitted with the application a feasibility study based on its actual operating experience. The study shows the company will be able to economically supply gas service in the Lynden, Everson, Nooksack area. The requested area being contiguous to the company's present Whatcom County gas operation should make it possible to operate the proposed gas facilities with few if any additional personnel. Rates proposed for gas service in the Lynden, Everson, Nooksack area will be the same as presently in effect at Cascade's other natural gas operations in Western Washington.

The company has been granted a franchise from the City of Lynden and has made application for franchises from the towns of Nooksack and Everson which it expects to obtain with no difficulty. Cascade has made arrangements with a prospective customer in Lynden to advance about half the total cost of constructing the necessary additional gas facilities and the company should be able to finance the remaining cost with little effort. There should also be no problem in obtaining an adequate supply of natural gas from the pipeline company.

No other gas company has made application to be certificated for the additional Whatcom County area sought by Cascade. Public Convenience or Necessity require that Cascade Natural Gas Corporation be certificated to operate a gas plant for hire in the area encompassed by the company's application in this cause.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Cascade Natural Gas Corporation, a Washington corporation, operates a gas plant for hire within this state and is subject to the jurisdiction of this commission.
2. Cascade Natural Gas Corporation has heretofore been issued Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Operate a Gas Plant for Hire No. 4 amended, in Cause No. U-9253, dated November 18, 1960.

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3. Cascade Natural Gas Corporation made application that its Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Operate a Gas Plant for Hire be amended to encompass the City of Lynden, the Towns of Everson and Nooksack and adjacent areas in Whatcom County.
4. Cascade Natural Gas Corporation is presently certificated for an area in Whatcom County contiguous to the requested area.
5. Cascade Natural Gas Corporation has submitted a study that shows it will be economically feasible to provide natural gas service in the Lynden, Everson, Nooksack area.
6. No other gas company has made application to be certificated in the requested area.
7. Cascade Natural Gas Corporation is fully qualified to finance and operate gas facilities in the additional area for which it has applied.
8. The operation of a gas plant for hire in the Lynden, Everson, Nooksack area by the Cascade Natural Gas Corporation is required by public convenience and necessity.
9. The Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Operate a Gas Plant for Hire presently issued to Cascade Natural Gas Corporation should be amended to encompass the additional area applied for in this cause.

ORDER

1. IT IS HEREBY ORDERED That the application of the Cascade Natural Gas Corporation to amend its present Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Operate a Gas Plant for Hire to encompass the City of Lynden, Towns of Everson and Nooksack and adjacent areas is approved and the company's present Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Operate a Gas Plant for Hire be amended to encompass the following area in Whatcom County:

Beginning at the northeast corner of Sec. 13, T 40 N, R 3 E. W. M., thence west along the north lines of Secs. 13, 14, 15, 16, 17 and 18 in T 40 N, R 3 E, and Sec. 13 in T 40 N, R 2 E to the northwest corner of said Sec. 13; thence south along the west lines of Secs. 13, 24, 25, 36 and 1 in T 40 N, R 2 E, and Sec. 12 and 13 in T 39 N, R 2 E, to the southwest corner of said Sec. 13; thence west along the north line of Sec. 23 in T 39 N, R 2 E, to the northwest corner of said Sec. 23; thence south along the west lines of Secs. 23, 26 and 35 in T 39 N, R 2 E to the southwest corner of said Sec. 35; thence east along the south lines of Secs. 35 and 36 in T 39 N, R 2 E, and Secs. 31, 32 and 33 in T 39 N, R 3 E, to the southeast corner of said Sec. 33; thence north along the east lines of Secs. 33, 28, 21, 16 and 9th in T 39 N, R 3 E, and Sec. 4 in T 40 N, R 3 E to the northeast corner of said Sec. 4; thence east along the south lines of Secs. 34, 35 and 36 in T 40 N, R 3 E, and Secs. 31, 32, 33 and 34 in T 40 N, R 4 E to the southeast corner of said Sec. 34; thence north along the east lines of Secs. 34 and 27 in T 40 N, R 4 E, to the northeast corner of said Sec. 27; thence west along the north lines of Secs. 27 and 28 in T 40 N, R 4 E to the northwest corner of said Sec. 28; thence north along the east line of Sec. 20 in T 40 N, R 4 E to the northeast corner of said

Sec. 20; thence west along the north lines of Secs. 20 and 19 in T 40 N, R 4 E to the northwest corner of said Sec. 19; thence north along the east line of Sec. 13, T 40 N, R 3 E to the point of beginning,

and as further shown on Appendix A-16, attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof.

2. It Is Further Ordered That the Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Operate a Gas Plant for Hire issued pursuant to Order Paragraph No. 1 above, supersedes and cancels Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Operate a Gas Plant for Hire No. 4, as amended and issued to Cascade Natural Gas Corporation on November 18, 1960, in Cause No. U-9253. Said Certificate of November 18, 1960, should be forthwith returned to this Commission.

3. It Is Further Ordered That the Certificate issued pursuant to Order Paragraph No. 1 above, is subject to the terms, conditions and provisions of the orders in Cause Nos. U-9047, U-9055, U-9194, U-9239 and U-9253, pursuant to which Cascade Natural Gas Corporation was granted its present Certificate.

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 24th day of January, 1961.

WASHINGTON PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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