

SERVICE DATE

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BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application of)
CASCADE NATURAL GAS CORPORATION)
to Amend its Certificate of Public)
Convenience and Necessity to)
Operate a Gas Plant for Hire in)
the General Area of Whatcom County.)
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ORDER GRANTING
APPLICATION

On January 22, 1999, Cascade Natural Gas Corporation (Cascade), a Washington corporation, filed an application to amend its present Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Operate a Gas Plant for Hire, to include an additional area in Whatcom County. (Appendix A-1)

DISCUSSION

Cascade is presently certificated for and is now providing gas service in Whatcom County. Cascade is requesting a certificate to expand the service area south of the city of Sumas, Washington. The additional area requested is contiguous to the existing certificated area. (See Attachment 1 for the legal description.)

This filing requests no determination at this time as to the reasonableness of the gas pipeline facility to serve this addition to Cascade's service area, and recognizes the right of the Commission to determine such reasonable services and expenditures, together with the treatment of same, in any formal proceeding before the Commission dealing with Cascade's results of operation for ratemaking purposes.

It appears the application herein should be granted to satisfy the public convenience and necessity.

FINDINGS OF FACT

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

2. Cascade Natural Gas Corporation has heretofore been issued a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Operate a Gas Plant for Hire as amended.

3. Cascade Natural Gas Corporation has filed an application to amend its Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity, to include an additional area in Whatcom County that is contiguous to its presently certificated area in Whatcom County.

4. The operation of a gas plant for hire in the additional area requested is or will be required by the public convenience and necessity.

3. This Order makes no determination at this time as to the reasonableness of the gas pipeline facility to serve this addition to Cascade's service area, and recognizes the right of the Commission to determine such reasonable services and expenditures, together with the treatment of same, in any formal proceeding before the Commission dealing with Cascade's results of operation for ratemaking purposes.

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

DATED at Olympia, Washington and effective this 24th day of March, 1999.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION



CAROLE J. WASHBURN
Secretary

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the east line of said section projected to the south line of Sec. 5, T. 38 N., R. 5 E.; thence west on south line of said section projected to the west line of Sec. 1, T. 38 N., R. 4 E.; thence north on west line of said section to south line of Sec. 35, T. 39 N., R. 4 E.; thence west on south line of said section projected to the east line of Sec. 5, T. 38 N., R. 4 E.; thence south on the east line of said section to the south line of Sec. 17, T. 38 N., R. 4 E.; thence west on the south line of said section to the east line of Sec. 19, T. 38 N., R. 4 E.; thence south on the east line of said section projected to the south line of Sec. 31, T. 38 N., R. 4 E.; thence west on the south line of said section projected to the east line of Sec. 3, T. 37 N., R. 3 E.; thence south on the east line of said section projected to the south line of Sec. 15, T. 37 N., R. 3 E.; thence west on the south line of said section to the east line of Sec. 21, T. 37 N., R. 3 E.; thence south on the east line and thence west on the south line of said section projected to the shoreline of Chuckanut Bay, (Sec. 24 T. 37., R. 2 E.); thence following shoreline of Bellingham Bay and Chuckanut Bay shorelines northerly and westerly to its intersection with the south line of Sec. 8, T. 38 N., R. 2 E.; thence west on the south line of said section projected to the shoreline of Lummi Bay, (Sec. 10 T. 38 N., R. 1 E.); thence following the shoreline of Lummi Bay and The Georgia Strait westerly and northerly to its intersection with the north line of Sec. 11, T. 39 N., R. 1 W.; thence east on the north line of said section projected to the centerline of Sec. 6, T. 39 N., R. 1 E.; thence north on the centerline of said section projected to the north line of Sec. 31, T. 40 N., R. 1 E.; thence east on the north line of section 31 to the west line of Sec. 29, T. 40 N., R. 1 E.; thence north on the west line of said section to the north line of said section; thence east on the north line of said section to the west line of Sec. 21, T. 40 N., R. 1 E.; thence north on the west line of said section to the north line of said section; thence east on the north line of said section to the west line of Sec. 15, T. 40 N., R. 1 E.; thence north on the west line of said section to the north line of said section; thence east on the north line of said section projected to the west line of Sec. 12, T. 40 N., R. 1 E.; thence north on the west line of said section to the north line of said section; thence east of the north line of said section projected to the west line of Sec. 5, T. 40 N., R. 2 E.; thence north on the west line of said section to the north line of said section; thence east on the north line of said section to the east line of said section; thence south on the east line of said section to the north line of Sec. 9, T. 40 N., R. 2 E.; thence east on the north of said section projected to the west line of Sec. 1, T. 40 N., R. 2 E.; thence north on the west line of said section projected to the north line of Sec. 36, T. 41 N., R. 2 E. (International Boundary); thence east on the north line (International Boundary) of said section projected to the east line of Sec. 31, T. 41 N., R. 3 E.; thence south on the east line of said section to the north line of Sec. 5, T. 40 N., R. 3 E.; thence east on the north line of said section projected to the west line of Sec. 33, T. 41 N., R. 4 E.; thence north on the west line of said section to the north line of said section (International Boundary); thence east on the north line of said section projected to the Northeast corner of Sec. 31, T. 41 N., R. 5 E., and the place of beginning.