

BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application of )  
 CASCADE NATURAL GAS CORPORATION )  
 to Amend its Certificate of Public ) DOCKET UG-981003  
 Convenience and Necessity to )  
 Operate a Gas Plant for Hire in ) ORDER GRANTING  
 the General Area of Skagit County. ) APPLICATION  
 ..... )

On July 21, 1998, 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 the additional area in Skagit County. (Appendix A-2)

Cascade is presently certificated for and is now providing gas service in Skagit County. Cascade is requesting a certificate to expand the service area southeast of the city of Mount Vernon, Washington around Big Lake. 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 the additional area in Skagit County that is contiguous to its presently certificated area in Skagit 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.

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5. The Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Operate a Gas Plant for Hire presently held by Cascade Natural Gas Corporation, should be further amended to include the additional area applied for herein.

ORDER

1. IT IS HEREBY ORDERED That the application of Cascade Natural Gas Corporation to amend its Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Operate a Gas Plant for Hire within the certificated area in Skagit County, is hereby approved and said Certificate shall be in accordance with attached Appendix A-2, which by this reference, is made a part hereof as though fully set forth herein.

2. 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. for the following service areas:

Appendix	County	Cause No.	Appendix	County	Cause No.
A-1	Whatcom	UG-961077	A-14	Asotin, Benton	U-9360
A-2	Skagit	UG-900727	A-15	Grant	UG-980676
A-3	Grays Harbor Snohomish	U-9873	A-16	Adams Grant	U-74-19
A-4	Kitsap	UG-980462	A-17	Chelan, Grant Douglas, King	U-9872
A-5	Mason	U-9708	A-18	Whatcom	U-9819
A-6	Chelan	U-9239	A-19*	Snohomish*	U-9860*
A-7	Douglas	U-8843	A-20*	Snohomish*	U-9860*
A-8	Yakima	U-85-04	A-21	Island, Snohomish	U-9790
A-9	Cowlitz, Benton	U-9708	A-22	Whatcom	U-85-76
A-10	Snohomish	U-9822	A-23	Whatcom	UG-900782
A-11	Benton	UG-970606	A-24	Whatcom	UG-940100
A-12	Benton, Franklin Walla Walla	UG-971267	A-25	Whatcom	UG-940101
A-13	Asotin, Walla Walla	U-74-19	* Transfer		

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 23rd day of September, 1998.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION



CAROLE J. WASHBURN  
Secretary

Docket UG-981003  
ATTACHMENT 1

A portion of Skagit County to be added to Appendix A-2 Amended described as follows:

LEGAL DESCRIPTION

Beginning at the northeast corner of Sec. 28, T. 34 N., R. 5 E. and the True Point of Beginning; thence west along the north line of Sec. 28, 29 and 30 and along the north line of Sec. 25 and 26, T. 34 N., R. 4 E., to the northwest corner of said Sec. 26; thence south along the west line of Sec. 26 and 35, T. 34 N., R. 4 E. to the southwest corner of said Sec. 35; thence west along the north line of Sec. 3, T. 33 N., R. 4 E. to the center line of said Sec. 3, T. 33 N., R. 4 E.; thence south along the center line of said Sec. 3, to the south line of Sec 3, T. 33 N., R. 4 E.; thence east along the south line of said Sec. 3 to the northwest corner of Sec. 11, T. 33 N., R. 4 E.; thence south along the west line of Sec. 11, to the southwest corner of said Sec. 11; thence east along the south line of Sec. 11 and 12, T. 33 N., R. 4 E. and along the south line of Sec. 7, 8, and 9, T. 33 N., R. 5 E. to the southeast corner of said Sec. 9; thence north along the east line of Sec. 9 and 4, T. 33 N., R. 5 E. and along the east line of Sec. 33 and 28, T. 34 N., R. 5 E. to the True Point of Beginning.

APPENDIX A-2 AMEND:

CASCADE NATURAL GAS CORPORATION  
DESCRIPTION  
APPENDIX A-2

A portion of Skagit County to be added to Appendix A-2 adjacent thereto lying within the area described as follows:

Sections 25, 26, 35 and 36 Township 34 North, Range 4 East, W.M., and Sections 28, 29, 30, 31, 32 and 33 of Township 34 North, Range 5 East, W.M., and Sections 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9 of Township 33 North, Range 5 East, W.M., and Sections 1, 2, the East 1/2 of 3, 11 and 12 of Township 33 North, Range 4 East, W.M.

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A-2 AMENDED - LEGAL DESCRIPTION - ANACORTES,  
LA CONNER, BURLINGTON, SEDRO WOOLLEY,  
MOUNT VERNON AND VICINITY -  
SKAGIT COUNTY

All of the incorporated area comprising the Cities of Anacortes, LaConner, Burlington, Sedro Woolley, Mount Vernon, and additional portions of Skagit County adjacent thereto, lying within area described as follows:

Beginning at the northeast corner of Sec. 8, T. 35 N., R.5 E., W.M.; thence south along the east line of Sec. 8, 17, 20 and 29, T. 35 N., R. 5 E., to a point where the Skagit River intersects said line; thence southwesterly along the center of the Skagit River to its intersection with the east line of Sec. 33 T. 35 N., R. 4 E.; thence south along the east line of said Sec. 33, and along the east line of Sec. 4 and 9, T. 34 N., R. 4 E., to the southeast corner of said Sec. 9; thence east along the north line of Sec. 15, 14 and 13, T. 34 N., R. 4 E., and along the north line of Sec. 18, T. 34 N., R. 5 E., to the northeast corner of said Sec. 18; thence south along the east line of Sec. 18 and 19, T. 34 N., R. 5 E., to the southeast corner of said Sec. 19; thence east along the north line of Sec. 29 and 28, T. 34 N., R. 5 E., to the northeast corner of said Sec. 28; thence south along the east line of Sec. 28 and 33, T. 34 N., R. 5 E. and along the east line of Sec. 4 and 9, T. 33 N., R. 5 E. to the southeast corner of said Sec. 9; thence west along the south line of Sec. 9, 8 and 7, T. 33 N., R. 5 E. and along the south line of Sec. 12 and 11, T. 33 N., R. 4 E. to the southwest corner of said Sec. 11; thence north along the west line of Sec. 11 to the northwest corner of said Sec. 11; thence west along the south line of Secs. 3, 4, 5 and 6, T. 33 N., R. 4 E. to the southwest corner of Sec. 6, thence north along the west line of said Sec. 6 T. 33 N., R. 4 E., and along the west line of Sec. 31, T. 34 N., R. 4 E., to its northwest corner; thence west along the south line of Sec. 25, 26, 27, 28 and 29, T. 34 N., R. 3 E., to its southwest corner; to the northeast corner of Sec. 31, T. 34 N., R. 3 E.; thence south along the east line of said Sec. 31, and along the east line of Sec. 6, T. 33 N., R. 3 E., to the southeast corner of said Sec. 6; thence west along the south line of Sec. 6, T. 33 N., R. 3 E. to its intersection with the shoreline of Skagit Bay; thence following this shore line northwesterly, southerly, and westerly to its intersection with the west line of Sec. 1, T. 33 N., R. 2 E.; thence north along the west line of said Sec. 1, and along the west line of Sec. 36., 25 and 24, T. 34 N., R. 2 E., to the northwest corner of said Sec. 24; thence west along the south line of Sec. 14, 15 and 16, T. 34 N., R. 2 E., to its intersection with the shore line of Similk Bay; thence northerly, westerly and southwesterly along said shore line, through Deception Pass; thence northerly along the shore line of Burrows Bay; thence northeasterly along the shore line through Guemes Channel; thence southerly, following the shore line of Padilla Bay to its intersection with the north line of Sec. 31, T. 35 N., R. 2 E.; thence east along the north line of Sec. 31 and 32, T. 35 N., R. 2 E., to its intersection with the

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shore line of Padilla Bay; thence northeasterly, southeasterly, easterly and northerly to the intersection of the shore line with the north line of Sec. 12, T. 35 N., R. 2 E.; thence east along the north line of said Sec. 12, and along the north line of Sec. 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12, T. 35 N., R. 3 E., and along the north line of Sec. 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12, T. 35 N., R. 4 E., and along the north line of Sec. 7 and 8, T. 35 N., R. 5 E. to the northeast corner of Sec. 8, T. 35 N., R. 5 E., to the point of beginning.