

BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

in)	
In the Matter of the Application)	
of CASCADE NATURAL GAS CORPORATION)	
for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Operate)	CAUSE NO. U-9708
a Gas Plant for Hire in the general)	
area or areas of Whatcom, Skagit,)	ORDER GRANTING
Kitsap, Mason and Franklin Counties,)	APPLICATION
Washington.)	
.....))	

is July 27, 1966, Cascade Natural Gas Corporation, a Washington corporation, filed in Cause No. U-9708, an application to amend its Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Operate a Gas Plant for Hire, No. 4 amended, to include various additional areas in Whatcom County, Skagit County, Kitsap County, Mason County and Franklin County, Washington.

X: Cascade is presently certificated for and is now providing gas service to certain areas in all the above-noted counties. With the exception of a small area in Whatcom County, the additional areas applied for are contiguous to the company's present service areas. The company states it is serving customers at the extreme borders of its certificated areas and the additional areas are required to meet normal growth and necessary expansion into the uncertificated areas. Cascade has also requested it be certificated for the nonincorporated communities of Deming and Acme in Whatcom County. Both of the communities are close to the main pipeline of the El Paso Natural Gas Company and natural gas service may be readily provided with very little investment on the part of Cascade.

In its application, the company requests clarification of its Gas Certificate with reference to a small part of Clark County located just south of Woodland in Cowlitz County. The north fork of the Lewis River, as well as the main stem of that river, marks the boundary line between Cowlitz and Clark Counties. A number of years ago in relocating a state highway just south of Woodland, the north fork of the Lewis River was routed to a new channel for a short distance. As a result of the change in the river channel, a small horseshoe-shaped piece of Clark County was isolated by the new river channel from the main part of Clark County. The metes and bounds delineation of Cascade's present certificate for Woodland and adjacent area in Cowlitz County states the channel of the Lewis River will mark part of the boundary of the certificated area. There is no reference to Clark County. The map associated with the metes and bounds follows the original channel of the Lewis River with the result the small horseshoe part of Clark County is not encompassed in Cascade's certificate. An examination of Northwest Natural Gas Company's certificate for Clark County shows the area in question to be certificated to that company. Cascade has discussed the matter with representatives of

Northwest and that company has no objection to including the area in Cascade's certificate. The metes and bounds and map covering Woodland and adjacent area should be modified to remove any doubt about Cascade's right to serve that part of Clark County.

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 Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Operate a Gas Plant for Hire, No. 4 amended.
3. Cascade Natural Gas Corporation filed an application that its Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Operate a Gas Plant for Hire be amended to encompass additional areas contiguous to its presently certificated areas in Skagit, Whatcom, Kitsap, Mason and Franklin Counties, and the nonincorporated communities of Deming and Acme in Whatcom County.
4. Based on Cascade Natural Gas Corporation's feasibility study, it appears the company's plan to provide gas service in the additional areas applied for is economically justified.
5. The operation of a gas plant for hire in the additional areas requested by the Cascade Natural Gas Corporation is or will be required by public convenience and necessity.
6. The Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Operate a Gas Plant for Hire presently held by the Cascade Natural Gas Corporation should be amended to encompass the additional areas applied for in this Cause.

O R D E R

1. IT IS HEREBY ORDERED That the application of the Cascade Natural Gas Corporation to amend its Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Operate a Gas Plant for Hire to encompass the nonincorporated communities of Acme and Deming in Whatcom County, and additional areas contiguous to its presently certificated areas in Franklin, Kitsap, Mason, Skagit and Whatcom Counties, 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 areas delineated as follows:

(a) All of the incorporated area comprising the Cities of Bellingham, Ferndale, Lynden, Nooksack, Everson, Sumas, and additional portions of Whatcom County adjacent thereto, lying within the area described as follows:

north along the west line of said Sec. 25 to its northwest corner; thence west along the south line of Sec. 23, T. 34 N., R. 3 E., to its northwest corner; thence west along the south line of Sec. 15 and 16, T. 34 N., R. 3 E., to the southwest corner of said Sec. 16; thence south along the east line of Sec. 20 and 29, T. 34 N., R. 3 E., to the southeast corner of said Sec. 29; thence west along the south line of Sec. 29 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 said Sec. 6 to its intersection with the shore line 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 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, along the north line of Sec. 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12, T. 35 N., R. 3 E., 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 point of beginning,

and as further shown on Appendix A-2 (amended), attached hereto and by this reference made a part hereof.

(c) All of the incorporated area comprising the Cities of Bremerton, Port Orchard and Poulsbo and additional portions of Kitsap County lying within the area described as follows:

Beginning at a point where the north line of Sec. 7, T. 26 N., R. 1 E.W.M., intersects the easterly meander line of Hood Canal; thence southerly to a point where said meander line intersects the west line of Sec. 12, T. 25 N., R. 1 W.; thence south along the west lines of Secs. 12, 13, 24, 25 and 36, T. 25 N., R. 1 W., and along the west lines of Secs. 1, 12, 13, 24 and 25, T. 24 N., R. 1 W., to the southwest corner of said Sec. 25; thence west along the north lines of Secs. 35 and 34, T. 24 N., R. 1

W., to the northwest corner of said Sec. 34; thence south along the west line of said Sec. 34, and along the west lines of Secs. 3, 10, 15, 22, 27 and 34, T. 23 N., R. 1 W., to the southwest corner of said Sec. 34; thence west^{east} along the south lines of Secs. 34 and 35, T. 23 N., R. 1 W., to the southeast corner of said Sec. 35; thence north-east through Sec. 36, T. 23 N., R. 1 W., and through Secs. 30, 20, 16 and 10, T. 23 N., R. 1 E., to the northeast corner of said Sec. 10; thence east along the south lines of Secs. 2 and 1, T. 23 N., R. 1 E., and along the south line of Secs. 6, 5, 4, 3, 2 and 1, T. 23 N., R. 2 E., to the intersection of the south line of said Sec. 1 with the meander line of Puget Sound; thence along said meander line, and along the meander line of Sinclair Inlet, Port Orchard and Liberty Bay to a point where said meander line intersects the east line of Sec. 26; T. 26 N., R. 1 E.; thence north along the east lines of Secs. 26, 23, 14 and 11, T. 26 N., R. 1 E., to the northeast corner of said Sec. 11; thence west along the north lines of Secs. 11, 10, 9, 8 and 7, T. 26 N., R. 1 E., to a point where the north line of said Sec. 7 intersects the easterly meander line of Hood Canal, the point of beginning,

and as further shown on Appendix A-4 (amended), attached hereto and by this reference made a part hereof.

(d) All of the incorporated area comprising the City of Shelton and additional parts of Mason County lying within the area described as follows:

Beginning at the northeast corner of Sec. 4, T. 23 N., R. 1 W.; thence west along the north lines of Secs. 4 and 5, T. 23 N., R. 1 W., to the northwest corner of said Sec. 5; thence south along the west lines of Secs. 5, 8, 17, 20, 29 and 32, T. 23 N., R. 1 W., to a point where the west line of said Sec. 32 intersects the easterly meander line of Lynch Cove (Hood Canal); thence southwesterly along said meander line to its intersection with the west line of Sec. 34, T. 22 N., R. 3 W.; thence south along the west lines of Sec. 34, T. 22 N., R. 3 W., and Secs. 3, 10 and 15, T. 21 N., R. 3 W., to the southwest corner of said Sec. 15; thence west southwesterly through Secs. 21, 20 and 19, T. 21 N., R. 3 W., to the northwest corner of Sec. 30, T. 21 N., R. 3 W.; thence south along the west lines of Secs. 30 and 31, T. 21 N., R. 3 W., to the southwest corner of said Sec. 31; thence west along the north lines of Secs. 1, 2, 3 and 4, T. 20 N., R. 4 W., to the northwest corner of said Sec. 4; thence south along the west lines of Secs. 4, 9, 16, 21 and 28, T. 20 N., R. 4 W., to the southwest corner of said Sec. 28; thence east along the south lines of Secs. 28, 27, 26 and 25, T. 20 N., R. 4 W., and of Secs. 30, 29 and 28, T. 20 N., R. 3 W., to the southeast corner of said Sec. 28; thence north along the east lines of Secs. 28 and

thence easterly along said county boundary to a point where said boundary intersects the east line of Sec. 28, T. 9 N., R. 31 E.; thence south along the east line of Secs. 28 and 33, T. 9 N., R. 31 E., and along the east line of Secs. 4, 9, 16 and 21, T. 8 N., R. 31 E., to the southeast corner of said Sec. 21; thence east along the north line of Secs. 27 and 26, T. 8 N., R. 31 E., to the northeast corner of said Sec. 26; thence south along the east line of Secs. 26 and 35, T. 8 N., R. 31 E., and along the east line of Secs. 2, 11, 14, 23, 26 and 35, T. 7 N., R. 31 E., to the southeast corner of said Sec. 35; thence west along the south line of Secs. 35, 34 and 33, T. 7 N., R. 31 E., to the intersection of said line with the boundary between Benton and Walla Walla Counties; thence northerly along said boundary to a point where said boundary intersects the south line of Sec. 8, T. 7 N., R. 31 E.; thence west along the south line of Secs. 8 and 7, T. 7 N., R. 31 E., to the southwest corner of said Sec. 7; thence northwesterly to the northwest corner of Sec. 20, T. 8 N., R. 30 E.; thence west along the south line of Sec. 18, T. 8 N., R. 30 E., and along the south line of Secs. 13, 14, 15, 16, 17 and 18, T. 8 N., R. 29 E., to the southwest corner of said Sec. 18; thence northwesterly to the southwest corner of Sec. 17, T. 9 N., R. 28 E.; thence north along the west line of Secs. 17, 8 and 5, T. 9 N., R. 28 E., and along the west line of Secs. 32, 29, 20 and 17, T. 10 N., R. 28 E., to the point of beginning,

and as further shown on Appendix A-12 (amended), attached hereto and by this reference made a part hereof.

(g) Areas within Whatcom County including the unincorporated towns of Deming and Acme described as follows:

Secs. 25 and 36, T. 39 N., R. 4 E.; Secs. 29, 30, 31 and 32, T. 39 N., R. 5 E.; Secs. 5 and 6, T. 38 N., R. 5 E.; and Sec. 1, T. 38 N., R. 4 E. *done*

Secs. 5, 6, 7 and 8, T. 37 N., R. 5 E.,

and as further shown on Appendix A-18, attached hereto and by this 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 April 30, 1965, in Cause No. U-9600. Said Certificate of April 30, 1965, 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-8841, U-8843, U-8937, U-9047, U-9052, U-9194, U-9238, U-9239, U-9253, U-9263, U-9264, U-9360, U-9388, U-9394 and U-9407, U-9450, U-9467, U-9469, U-9596, and U-9600, pursuant to which Cascade Natural Gas Corporation was issued 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 12th day of September, 1966.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Francis Pearson

FRANCIS PEARSON, Chairman

Patrick D. Sutherland

PATRICK D. SUTHERLAND, Commissioner

Dayton A. Witten

DAYTON A. WITTEN, Commissioner

58
51
700
37
72
15
47
31
22
31

R 2 W

R 1 W

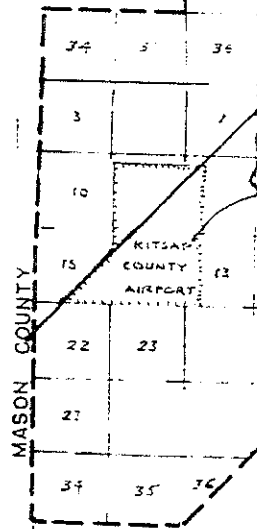
T 26 N

T 25 N

T 24 N



HOOD CANAL

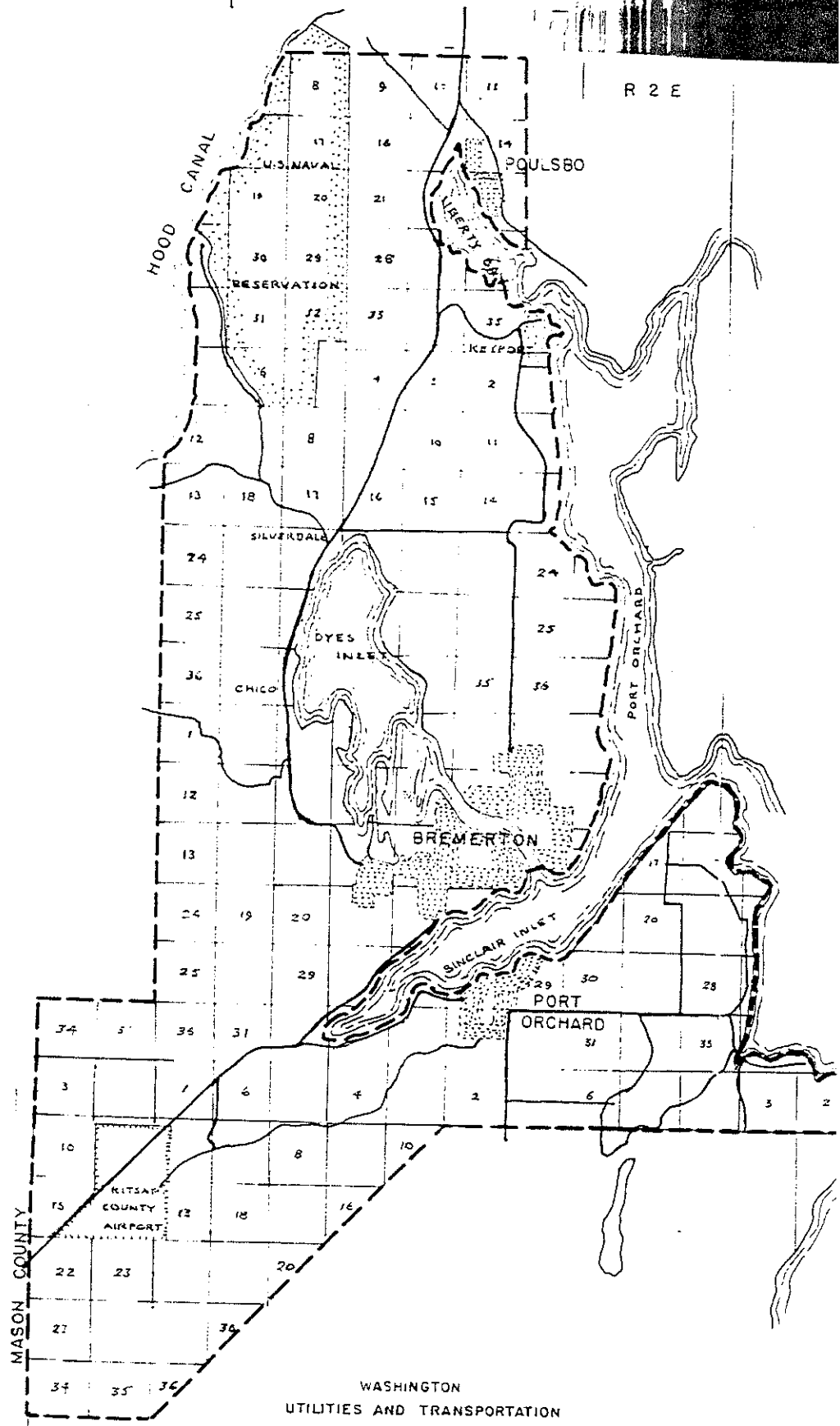


APPENDIX A-4 AMENDED
 CAUSE NO. L-9708
 CASCADE NATURAL GAS CORPORATION
 BOUNDARY OF SERVICE AREA IN
 MASON COUNTY

R 1 W

R 1 E

R 2 E



ATION

WASHINGTON
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION
COMMISSION

DATE: SEPT 12, 1966

BY: TW