

BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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

ORDER GRANTING  
APPLICATION

is: July 27, 1966, Cascade Natural Gas Corporation, a Wash-  
ington 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 pro-  
viding gas service to certain areas in all the above-noted counties.  
With the exception of a small area in Whatcom County, the addition-  
al areas applied for are contiguous to the company's present serv-  
ice areas. The company states it is serving customers at the ex-  
treme 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 certi-  
ficated 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 serv-  
ice 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 bounda-  
ry 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:

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<sup>east</sup> along the south lines of Secs. 34 and 35, T. 23 N., R. 1 W., to the southeast corner of said Sec. 35; thence northeast 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

21, T. 20 N., R. 3 W., to a point where the east line of said Sec. 21 intersects the southerly meander line of Hammersly Inlet; thence westerly and northeasterly along the meander line of Hammersly Inlet and Oakland Bay to a point where said meander line intersects the south line of Sec. 36, T. 21 N., R. 3 W.; thence east along the south line of said Sec. 36, and along the south lines of Secs. 31, 32, 33, and 34, T. 21 N., R. 2 W., to a point where the south line of said Sec. 34 intersects the meander line of Pickering Passage; thence northerly and northeasterly along the meander line of Pickering Passage; thence northerly, easterly, southerly, and easterly along the meander line of Case Inlet to the intersection of said meander line with the east line of Sec. 33, T. 22 N., R. 1 W.; thence north along the east lines of Secs. 33, 28, 21, 16, 9 and 4, T. 22 N., R. 1 W., and along the east lines of Secs. 33, 28, 21, 16, 9 and 4, T. 23 N., R. 1 W., to the northeast corner of said Sec. 4, the point of beginning,

and as further shown on Appendix A-5 (amended), attached hereto and by this reference made a part hereof.

(e) All of the incorporated area comprising the Cities of Castle Rock, Longview, Kelso, Kalama, Woodland, and additional portions of Cowlitz and Clark Counties adjacent thereto, lying within the area described as follows:

Beginning at the northwest corner of Sec. 20, T. 10 N., R. 2 W.W.M.; thence east along the north line of Sec. 20, 21, 22, 23 and 24, T. 10 N., R. 2 W., and along the north line of Sec. 19 and 20, T. 10 N., R. 1 W., to the northeast corner of said Sec. 20; thence south along the east line of Sec. 20, 29 and 32, T. 10 N., R. 1 W., and along the east line of Sec. 5, 8, 17, 20, 29 and 32, T. 9 N., R. 1 W., and along the east line of Sec. 5, 8, 17, 20, 29 and 32, T. 8 N., R. 1 W., and along the east line of Sec. 5, 8, 17 and 20, T. 7 N., R. 1 W., to the southeast corner of said Sec. 20; thence east along the north line of Sec. 28 and 27, T. 7 N., R. 1 W., to the northeast corner of said Sec. 27; thence south along the east line of Sec. 27 and 34, T. 7 N., R. 1 W., and along the east line of Sec. 3, 10, 15 and 22, T. 6 N., R. 1 W., to the southeast corner of said Sec. 22; thence east along the north line of Sec. 26 and 25, T. 6 N., R. 1 W., and along the north line of Sec. 30, 29, 28, 27 and 26, T. 6 N., R. 1 E., to the northeast corner of said Sec. 26; thence south along the east line of Sec. 26 and 35, T. 6 N., R. 1 E., and along the east line of Sec. 2 and 11, T. 5 N., R. 1 E., to its intersection with the Lewis River; thence southwesterly, southerly and westerly to the confluence of this river with the Columbia River; thence northwesterly along the easterly shore line of the Columbia River to its intersection with the west line of Sec. 18, T. 8 N.,

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

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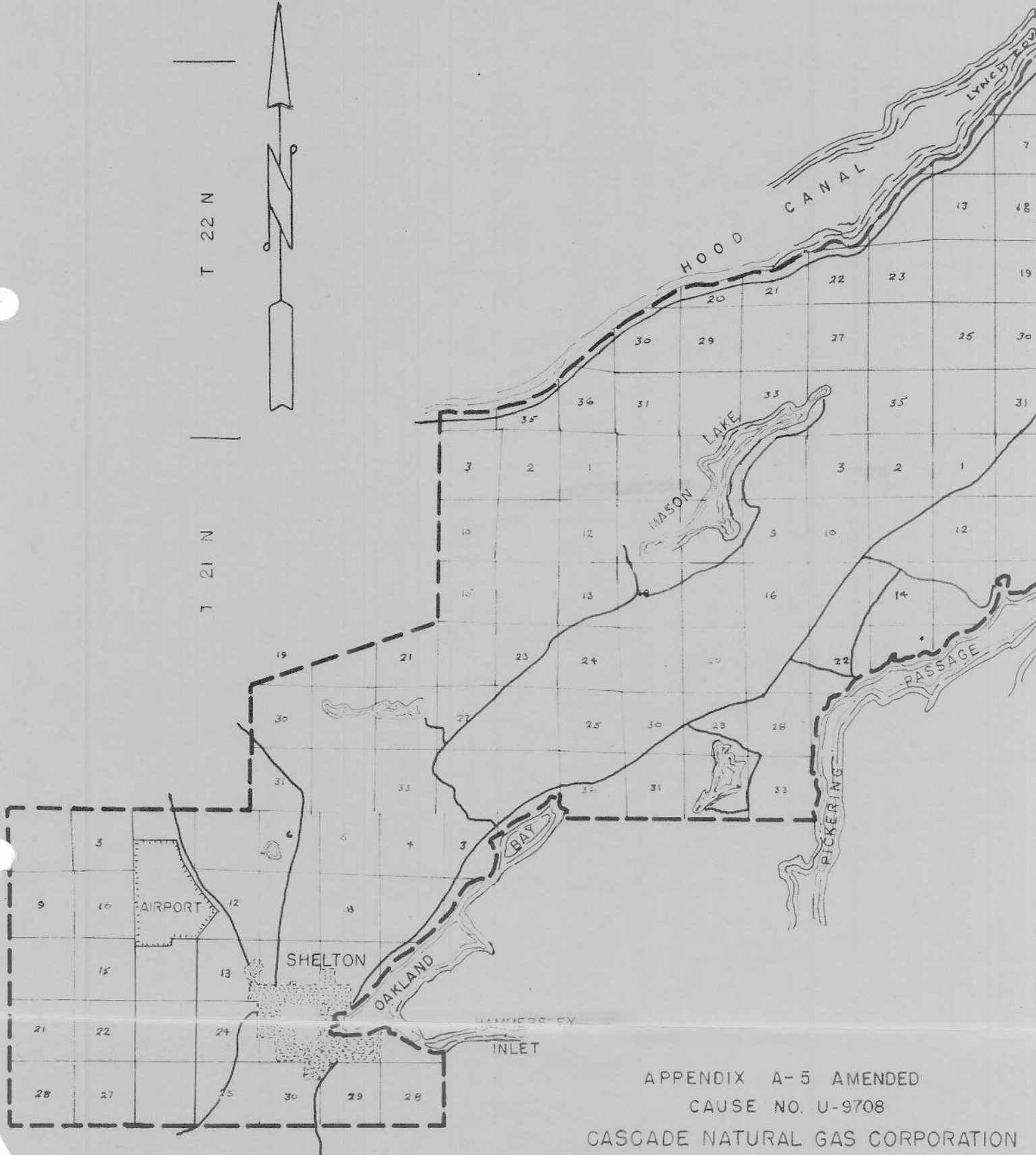
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APPENDIX A-5 AMENDED  
CAUSE NO. U-9708  
CASCADE NATURAL GAS CORPORATION  
BOUNDARY OF SERVICE AREA IN  
MASON COUNTY

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