

BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application of )	
NORTHWEST NATURAL GAS COMPANY for a )	CAUSE NO. U-9471
Certificate of Public Convenience )	
and Necessity to Operate a Gas Plant )	ORDER GRANTING
for Hire in the general area or )	APPLICATION
areas of Battle Ground and Ridge- )	
field, in Clark County, Washington. )	
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The Northwest Natural Gas Company, an Oregon corporation, filed with this Commission on July 25, 1963, an application to amend its present Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Operate a Gas Plant for Hire to include the towns of Battle Ground and Ridgefield and adjacent areas in Clark County, Washington. The company presently holds Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity No. 1 amended, issued November 5, 1962, in Cause No. U-9411.

The gas company's presently certificated area in Clark County encompasses the cities of Washougal, Camas, and Vancouver and adjacent area. By the present application Northwest Natural requests certification for the towns of Battle Ground and Ridgefield as well as practically all the area in Clark County north of Vancouver. The company has definite plans for constructing gas distribution systems in and near Battle Ground and Ridgefield and it appears such installations will be economically feasible. Northwest has no present plans for providing gas service in the area north of Battle Ground and Ridgefield but states its reason for the additional area is based on the possibility of a large plywood mill located on Chelatchie Prairie, requesting gas service. Since it would require the construction of over sixteen miles of new pipeline through a sparsely settled area, the Commission believes the possibility of serving the plywood mill in the foreseeable future is highly conjectural and that area should not be certificated at this time. If in the future Northwest can show it will be economically feasible to serve the mill the company may readily amend its certificate. Based on its knowledge of the area applied for in this application the Commission is of the opinion Northwest Natural should only be certificated for the towns of Battle Ground and Ridgefield and additional area east to the eastern boundary of Range 3 E. This area will be delineated in the Order part of the Cause.

Northwest Natural has made a feasibility study covering the offer of natural gas service in the Battle Ground and Ridgefield areas and it appears to be economically feasible. The company proposes to make gas service available in the requested area at the same rates presently in effect in its Clark County area. The towns of Battle

Ground and Ridgefield have granted franchises to the company. Arrangements have also been made with the El Paso Natural Gas Company for an adequate source of gas to serve the area and financing the necessary facilities should present no problem to the company. Public convenience and necessity require that Northwest Natural Gas Company be certificated to operate a gas plant in the area delineated in this cause.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Northwest Natural Gas Company, is an Oregon corporation, operates a gas plant for hire in this state and is subject to the jurisdiction of this Commission.

2. Northwest Natural Gas Company has heretofore been issued Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Operate a Gas Plant for Hire No. 1 amended, in Cause No. U-9411, dated November 5, 1962.

3. Northwest Natural Gas Company has made application to amend its Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Operate a Gas Plant for Hire to include the towns of Battle Ground and Ridgefield and additional areas in Clark County, Washington.

4. The Commission finds the company's application includes area in which there appears to be no demand for gas service in the foreseeable future and that area should not be certificated.

5. Northwest Natural Gas Company has submitted a study showing it is economically feasible to provide natural gas service in the towns of Battle Ground and Ridgefield and adjacent areas.

6. Northwest Natural Gas Company has been granted franchises by the towns of Battle Ground and Ridgefield to operate gas facilities within their corporate limits.

7. Northwest Natural Gas Company has been assured an adequate source of natural gas for the area it seeks certification.

8. Northwest Natural Gas Company is fully qualified to finance and operate gas facilities in the additional area for which it has applied.

9. The operation of a gas plant for hire in the towns of Battle Ground and Ridgefield and adjacent area is required by public convenience and necessity.

10. The Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Operate a Gas Plant for Hire presently held by Northwest Natural Gas Company should be amended to encompass the towns of Battle Ground and Ridgefield and adjacent area in Clark County, Washington.

ORDER

1. IT IS HEREBY ORDERED That the application of the Northwest Natural Gas Company to amend its present Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Operate a Gas Plant for Hire to encompass the towns of Battle Ground and Ridgefield and adjacent area in Clark County is approved subject to limitation in the area requested and the company's present Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Operate a Gas Plant for Hire be amended to include the area delineated as follows:

All of the incorporated area comprising the towns of Battle Ground and Ridgefield in Clark County, Washington, and other portions of the county described as follows:

Beginning at the southeast corner of Sec. 12, T. 3 N., R. 2 E.W.M.; thence west along the south lines of Secs. 12, 11, 10, 9, 8, and 7, T. 3 N., R. 2 E., along the south lines of Secs. 12, 11, 10, 9, 8, and 7, T. 3 N., R. 1 E., and along the south line of Sec. 12, T. 3 N., R. 1 W., to the mid-channel of the Columbia River, which is the boundary between Oregon and Washington; thence northerly along the boundary to its intersection with the north line of Sec. 15, T. 4 N., R. 1 W.; thence east along the north lines of Secs. 15, 14, and 13, T. 4 N., R. 1 W., along the north lines of Secs. 18, 17, 16, 15, 14, and 13, T. 4 N., R. 1 E., along the north lines of Secs. 18, 17, 16, 15, 14, and 13, T. 4 N., R. 2 E., and along the north lines of Secs. 18, 17, 16, 15, 14, and 13, T. 4 N., R. 3 E., to the northeast corner of said Sec. 13; thence south along the east lines of Secs. 13, 24, 25, and 36, T. 4 N., R. 3 E., along the east lines of Secs. 1, 12, 13, 24, 25, and 36, T. 3 N., R. 3 E., and along the east lines of Secs. 1, 12, 13, and 24, T. 2 N., R. 3 E., to the southeast corner of said Sec. 24; thence west along the south lines of Secs. 24, 23, 22, 21, 20, and 19, T. 2 N., R. 3 E., to the southwest corner of said sec. 19, thence north along the west lines of Secs. 19, 18, 7, and 6, T. 2 N., R. 3 E., and along the west lines of Secs. 31, 30, 19, and 18, T. 3 N., R. 3 E., to the southeast corner of Sec. 12, T. 3 N., R. 2 E., the point of beginning,

and as further shown on Appendix A-3, 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. 1 as amended and issued to Northwest Natural Gas Company on November 5, 1962, in Cause No. U-9411. Said Certificate of November 5, 1962, 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-8826, U-8827, U-8883 and U-9411, pursuant to which Northwest Natural Gas Company was granted its present Certificate.

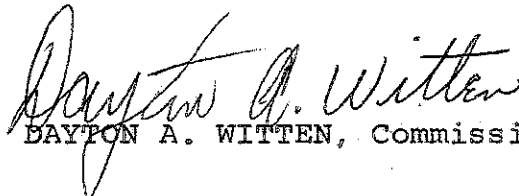
4. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED That jurisdiction over this Cause is retained to effectuate the provisions of this order.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective this 20th day of August, 1963.

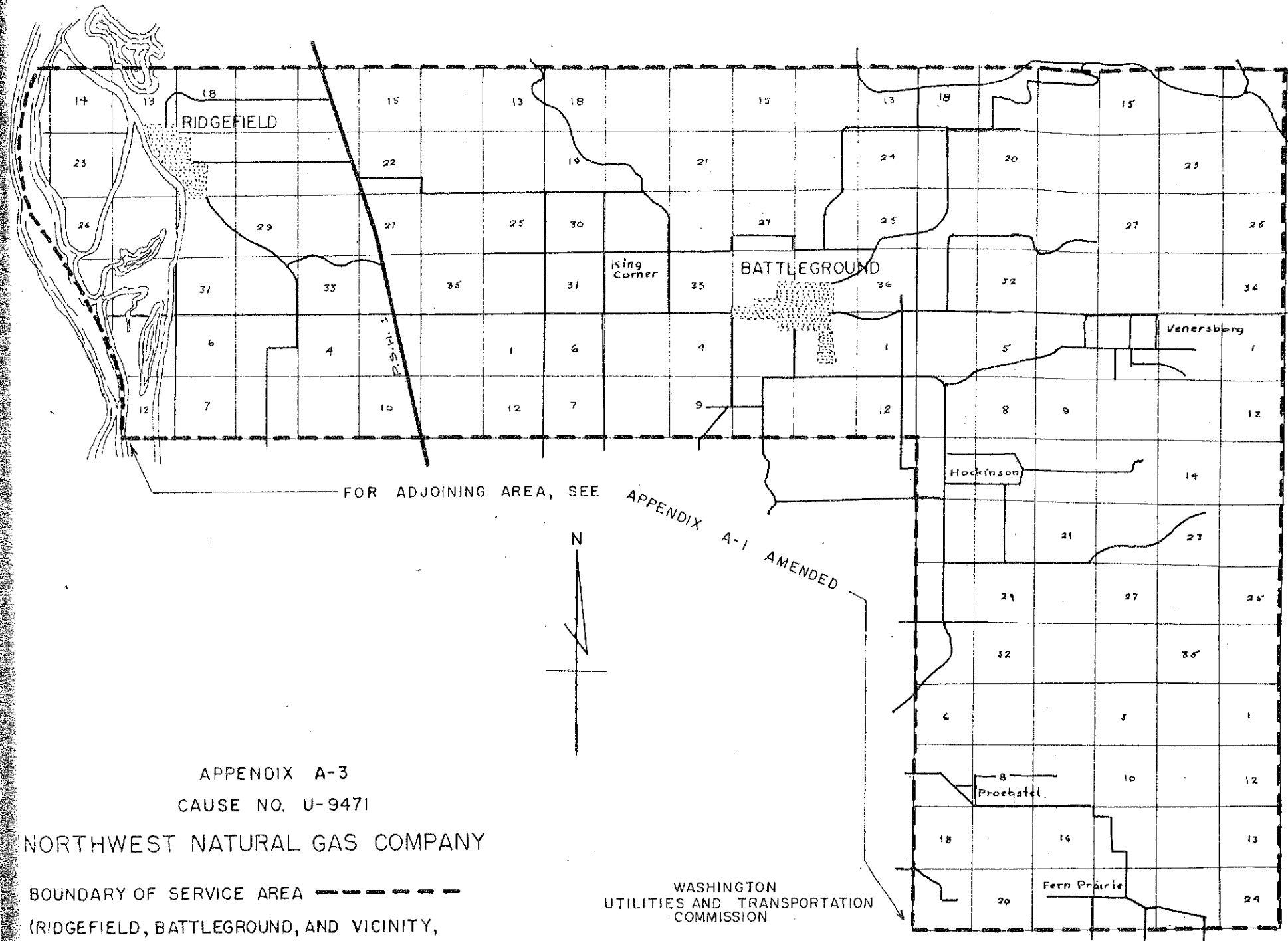
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PATRICK D. SUTHERLAND, Commissioner

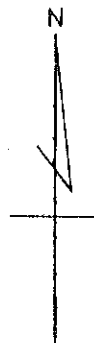


DAYTON A. WITTEN, Commissioner



FOR ADJOINING AREA, SEE

APPENDIX A-1 AMENDED



APPENDIX A-3  
CAUSE NO. U-9471

NORTHWEST NATURAL GAS COMPANY

BOUNDARY OF SERVICE AREA - - - - -  
(RIDGFIELD, BATTLEGROUND, AND VICINITY,  
CLARK COUNTY)

WASHINGTON  
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION  
COMMISSION

DATE: AUG. 20, 1963

BY: TW