

MAY 28 1997

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-970606
Convenience and Necessity to)
Operate a Gas Plant for Hire in) ORDER GRANTING
the General Area of Benton County.) APPLICATION
.)

On April 2, 1997, 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 Benton County. (Appendix A-11)

Cascade is presently certificated for and is now providing gas service in Benton County. Cascade is requesting a certificate to expand the service area east of the Town of Paterson, 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.

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

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 28th day of May, 1997.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION



STEVE McLELLAN, Secretary

ATTACHMENT 1
APPENDIX A-11
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Sections 1, 2, 11 and 12, T. 5 N., R. 27 E.

Beginning at the northwest corner of Sec. 36, T. 6 N., R. 25 E.W.M.; thence south along the west lines of said Sec. 36, T. 6 N., R. 25 E.W.M., and Secs. 1, 12 and 13, T. 5 N., R. 25 E., to the intersection of said west line and the north shore line of Columbia River; thence northeasterly along said north shore line to the intersection of said north shore line and the east line of Sec. 7, T. 5 N., R. 26 E.; thence east along the south lines of Secs. 8, 9 and 10, T. 5 N., R. 26 E., to the intersection of said south line and the east line of Sec. 10, T. 5 N., R. 26 E.; thence north along the east lines of Secs. 10 and 3, T. 5 N., R. 26 E., to the northeast corner of said Sec. 3, T. 5 N., R. 26 E.; thence west along the north lines of Secs. 3, 4 and 5, T. 5 N., R. 26 E., to the northwest corner of said Sec. 5, T. 5 N., R. 26 E.; thence north along the east line of Sec. 31, T. 6 N., R. 26 E., to the northeast corner of said Sec. 31, T. 6 N., R. 26 E.; thence west along north lines of said Sec. 31, T. 6 N., R. 26 E., and Sec. 36, T. 6 N., R. 25 E., to the point of beginning.

All of Sections 21 and 28, T. 5 N., R. 24 E.

R-25-E | R-26-E

T-5-N | T-6-N

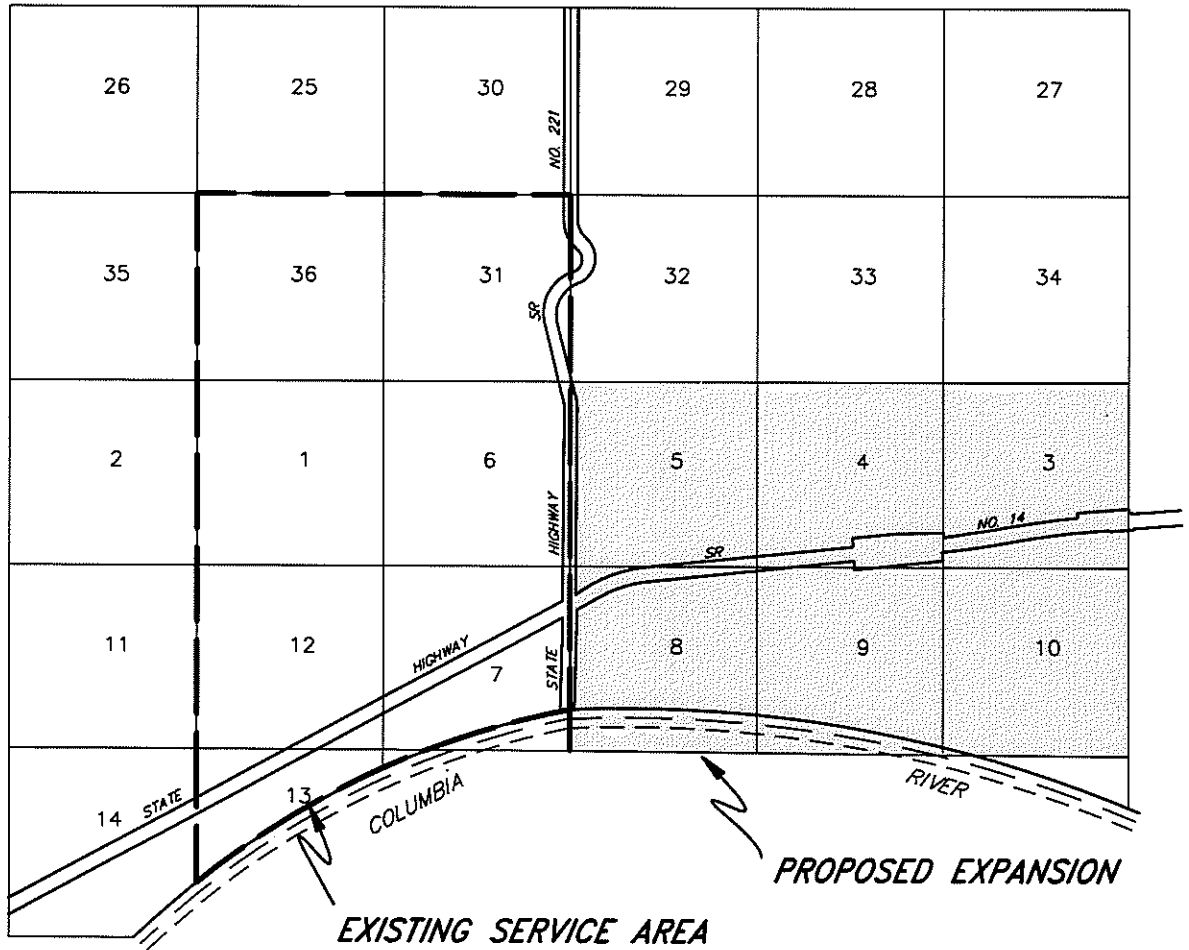
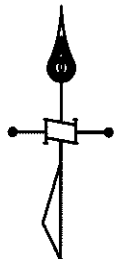


EXHIBIT B-1



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PROPOSED SERVICE AREA
BENTON COUNTY

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