

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON STATE
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

In the Matter of the Application of)	DOCKET NO. UG-031630
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CASCADE NATURAL GAS)	ORDER NO. 1
CORPORATION,)	
)	
Applicant,)	
)	
To Amend its Certificate of Public)	
Convenience and Necessity to Operate)	
a Gas Plant for Hire in the West)	ORDER GRANTING
Richland, Benton County)	APPLICATION
.....)	

BACKGROUND

1 On October 7, 2003, in compliance with RCW 80.28.190, Cascade Natural Gas Corporation (Cascade) filed an application to amend its present Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Operate a Gas Plant for Hire, to extend the service area into the city of West Richland and portion of Richland, both of which are located in Benton County (Exhibit B-1).

DISCUSSION

- 2 Cascade has offered natural gas service to new developments in the vicinity of West Richland contingent upon receiving the proposed service area expansion request (See attachment for legal description, Exhibit B-2).
- 3 This filing requests no determination at this time as to the reasonableness of the gas pipeline facility to service 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. Notice was sent to interested parties requesting comments

and concerns regarding this application. Staff has not received comments or concerns.

- 4 It appears that Cascade is best suited to serve the requested service territory economically, therefore, the application herein should be granted to satisfy the public convenience and necessity.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

- 5 (1) The Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission is an agency of the State of Washington vested by statute with the authority to regulate rates, rules, regulations, practices, accounts, securities, and transfers of public service companies, including gas companies. *RCW 80.01.040; Chapter 80.04 RCW, and Chapter 80.28 RCW.*
- 6 (2) Cascade is a gas company and is a public service company subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission.
- 7 (3) RCW 80.28.190 states no gas company shall operate in this state any gas plant for hire without first having obtained from the Commission a certificate declaring that public convenience and necessity requires or will require such operation and setting forth the area or areas within which service is to be rendered.
- 8 (4) Cascade has previously been issued a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to operate a gas plant for hire.
- 9 (5) Cascade has filed an application to amend its Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to extend the service area boundary into the

city of West Richland and portion of Richland, both of which are located in Benton County.

- 10 (6) Commission Staff has reviewed the Company's application and recommends the operation of natural gas plant for hire in the additional area requested is required for the public convenience and necessity.
- 11 (7) This matter was brought before the Commission at its regularly scheduled meeting on January 28, 2004.
- 12 (8) After review of the request filed in Docket UG-031630 by Cascade and giving due consideration, the Commission finds it is consistent with the public convenience and necessity that the Certificate of Cascade be amended to reflect the addition of areas applied for herein.

ORDER

THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

- 13 (1) 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 the city of West Richland and portion of Richland, both of which are located in Benton County is granted.
- 14 (2) This Order makes no determination at this time as to the reasonableness of the natural 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 treatment of same, in

any formal proceeding before the Commission dealing with Cascade's results of operations for ratemaking purposes.

- 15 (3) The Commission retains jurisdiction over the subject matter and Cascade Natural Gas Corporation to effectuate the provisions of this Order.

The Commissioners, having determined this Order to be consistent with the public interest, directed the Secretary to enter this Order.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective this 28th day of January, 2004.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

CAROLE J. WASHBURN, Secretary

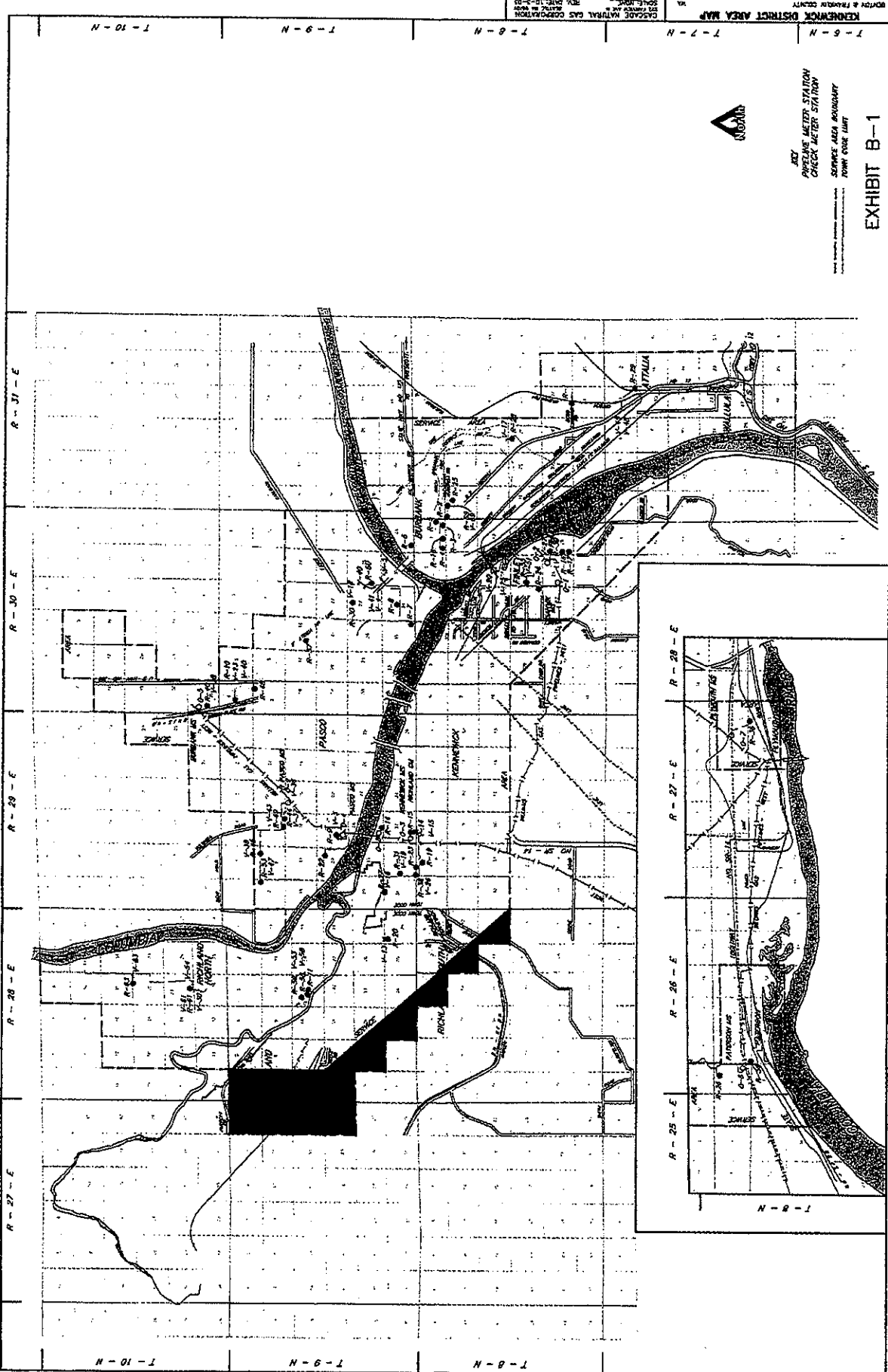


EXHIBIT B-1

- KEY
- APPLICANT METER STATION
- CHECK METER STATION
- SERVICE AREA BOUNDARY
- PUMP CODE LIMIT



KENNEBEC DISTRICT AREA MAP
 LOCAL MATERIAL GAS CORPORATION
 25 FRENCH ST. W. # 200
 SOUTH BEND, IN 46601
 REV. DATE 12-20-02

EXHIBIT B-2

CASCADE NATURAL GAS CORPORATION
LEGAL DESCRIPTION
DOCKET UG-031630

A PORTION OF BENTON COUNTY TO BE ADDED TO APPENDIX A-12 DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

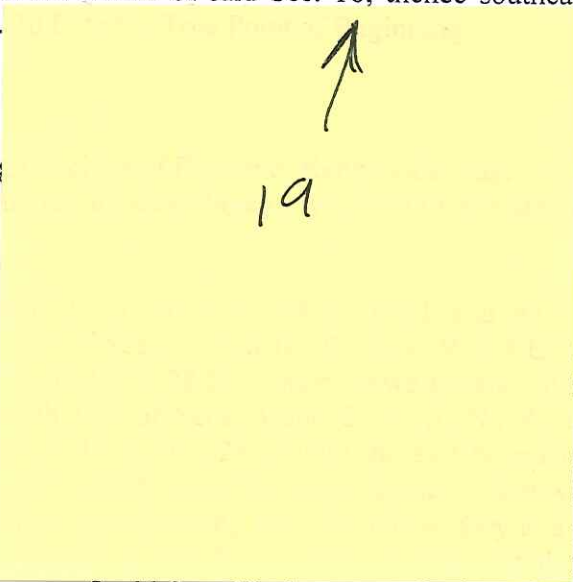
Beginning at the southeast corner of Sec. 12, T. 7 N., R. 30 E and the True Point of Beginning; thence west along the south line of Sec. 12 to its southwest corner; thence north along the west line of said Sec. 12 to its northwest corner; thence west along the south line of Sec. 2 to its southwest corner; thence north along the west line of said Sec. 2, T. 7 N., R. 30 E. to its northwest corner; thence west along the south line of Sec. 34, T. 8 N., R. 30 E. to its southwest corner; thence north along the west line of said Sec. 34 to the northwest corner; thence west along the south line of Sec's 28, 29, 30, T. 8 N., R. 30 E., and along the south line of Sec's 25, 26, 27, 28, 29 and 30, T. 8 N., R. 29 E. to the southwest corner of said Sec. 30. thence north along the west line of Sec's 30 and 19 to the northwest corner of said Sec. 19; thence east along the north line of said Sec's 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, T. 8 N., R. 29 E. and along the north line of Sec 19, T. 8 N., R. 30 E. to the northeast corner of said Sec. 18; thence southeasterly to the southeast corner of Sec. 12, T. 7 N., R.

APPENDIX A-12 AMENDED:

All of the incorporated area comprising Benton, Franklin and Walla Walla Counties follows:

Beginning at the northwest corner of Beginning; thence east along the north line of Secs. 10 and 3 of T. 10 N., R. 28 E. thence east along the north line of Secs. 10 and 3 to the intersection of the north line of Secs. 10 and 3 with the north line of Benton County, thence south along the east boundary of Benton County to the south line of Sec. 11, T. 10 N., R. 28 E.; thence east along the south line of said boundary intersects the north line

line of said Sec. 13 to the northeast corner of said Sec. 13, thence north along the west line of Sec. 7, T. 9 N., R. 29 E., to the northwest corner of said Sec. 7; thence east along the north line of Secs. 7, 8, and 9, T. 9 N., R. 29 E.; thence north along the west line of Sec. 3, T. 9 N., R. 29 E., and along the west line of Sec. 34; T. 10 N., R. 29 E., to the northwest corner of said Sec. 34; thence east along the north line of Secs. 34 and 35, T. 10 N., R. 29 E., to the northeast corner of said Sec. 35; thence north along the west lines of Secs. 25 and 24, T. 10 N., R. 29 E., to the northwest corner of said Sec. 24; thence east to the northeast corner of said Sec. 24; thence north along the west line of Sec. 18, T. 10 N., R. 30 E., to the northwest corner of said Sec. 18; thence east to the northeast corner of said Sec. 18; thence north along the west line of Sec. 8, T. 10 N., R. 30 E., to the northwest corner of said Sec. 8; thence east along the north lines of Secs. 8 and 9, T. 10 N., R. 30 E., to the northeast corner of said Sec. 9; thence south along the east lines of



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True Point of Beginning; thence north Sec. 3, T. 10 N., R. 29 E. to the north line of Benton County, thence south along the east boundary of Benton County to the south line of Sec. 11, T. 10 N., R. 28 E.; thence east along the south line of said boundary intersects the north line

Secs. 9 and 16, T. 10 N., R. 30 E., to the southeast corner of said Sec. 16; thence west along the south line of said Sec. 16 to its southwest corner; thence south along the east line to Sec. 20, T. 10 N., R. 30 E., to the southeast corner of said Sec. 20; thence west along the south line of said Sec. 20 to its southwest corner; thence south along the east line of Secs. 30 and 31, T. 10 N., R. 30 E., to the southeast corner of said Sec. 31; thence east along the north line of Sec. 5, T. 9 N., R. 30 E., to the northeast corner of said Sec. 5; thence south along the east line of said Sec. 5 to its southeast corner; thence east along the north line of Sec. 9, T. 9 N., R. 30 E., to the northeast corner of said Sec. 9; thence south along the east line of said Sec. 9 to its southeast corner; thence east along the north line of Secs. 15, 14 and 13, T. 9 N., R. 30 E., to the northeast corner of said Sec. 13; thence south along the east line of Secs. 13, 24 and 25, T. 9 N., R. 30 E., to a point where said line intersects the boundary between Franklin and Walla Walla Counties; thence easterly along said 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 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., and along the south line of Sec. 12, T. 7 N., R. 30 E. to the southwest corner of said Sec. 12; thence north along the west line of said Sec. 12 to its northwest corner; thence west along the south line of Sec. 2 to its southwest corner; thence north along the west line of Sec. 2, T. 7 N., R. 30 E. to its northwest corner; thence west along the south line of Sec. 34, T. 8 N., R. 30 E. to its southwest corner; thence north along the west line of said Sec. 34 to the northwest corner; thence west along the south line of Sec's 28, 29, 30, T. 8 N., R. 30 E., and along the south line of Sec's 25, 26, 27, 28, 29 and 30, T. 8 N., R. 29 E. to the southwest corner of said Sec. 30. thence north along the west line of Sec's 30 and 19 to the northwest corner of said Sec. 19. thence west along the south line of Sec. 13, T. 8 N., R. 28 E., to its southwest corner of said Sec. 13; thence north along the west line of said Sec. 13 to its northwest corner; thence west along the south line of Sec. 11 to its southwest corner; thence north along the west line of said Sec. 11 to its northwest corner; thence west along the south line of Sec. 3 to its southwest corner; thence north along the west line of said Sec. 3 to its northwest corner, T. 8 N., R. 28 E.; thence west along the south line of Sec. 33, T. 9 N., R. 28 E., to its southwest corner; thence north along the west line of said Sec. 33 to its northwest corner; thence west along the south line of Sec. 29 to its southwest corner; thence north along the west line of said Sec. 29 to its northwest corner; thence west along the south line of Sec. 19, T. 9 N., R. 28 E. and Sec. 24, T. 9 N., R. 27 E. to the southwest corner of said Sec. 24; thence north along the west line of Sec's 24, 13, 12 and 1 to the northwest corner of said Sec. 1; thence east along the north line of said Sec 1, T. 9 N., R. 27 E. and Sec. 6, T. 9 N., R. 28 E. to the northwest corner of said Sec. 6; thence north along the west line of Sec. 32, 29, 20 and 17, T. 10. N., R. 28 E., to the True Point of Beginning.