

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON  
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

In the Matter of the Application of	)	DOCKET UG-120572
	)	
CASCADE NATURAL GAS CORPORATION,	)	ORDER 01
	)	
To Amend its Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Operate a Gas Plant for Hire in the General Area of the Department of Energy's Hanford Site.	)	ORDER DETERMINING A CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY
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**BACKGROUND**

- 1 On April 23, 2012, Cascade Natural Gas Corporation (Cascade or Company) filed with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) an application to amend its present Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Operate Customer-Owned Gas Plant, to include an additional area in designated portions of Department of Energy's Hanford Site, Benton County (Exhibit A-1).
  
- 2 Cascade is presently certified for and is now providing gas service to Area 300 of the Hanford Site.<sup>1</sup> Cascade is requesting a certificate to expand the service area to the entire Hanford Site (See attachment for legal description, Attachment A-2). Cascade possesses an Areawide Public Utilities Contract with the U.S. General Services Administration (Exhibit A-3) as well as a request from the Department of Energy requesting service from Cascade (Attachment A-4).
  
- 3 Cascade does not request that the Commission determine at this time the reasonableness or ratemaking treatment of the gas pipeline facility to service this addition to Cascade's service area. Cascade recognizes the right of the Commission to determine the reasonableness and rate making treatment of services and expenditures in any formal proceeding before the Commission dealing with Cascade's results of operations.
  
- 4 It appears that Cascade is well suited to serve the requested service territory economically, therefore, the application should be granted to satisfy the public convenience and necessity.

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<sup>1</sup> Docket UG-971267, *In the Matter of the application of Cascade Natural Gas Corporation to amend its Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Operate a Gas Plant for Hire in the General Area of Benton County*. October 29, 1997

**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 the rates, rules, regulations, practices, accounts, securities, transfers of property and affiliated interests of public service companies, including gas companies. [RCW 80.01.040](#), [RCW 80.04](#), [RCW 80.08](#), [RCW 80.12](#), [RCW 80.16](#) and [RCW 80.28](#).
- 6 (2) Cascade is a gas company and a public service company subject to Commission jurisdiction.
- 7 (3) Under RCW 80.28.190, 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 the operation and setting forth the area or areas within which service will be rendered.
- 8 (4) Cascade filed an application for an amended Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to operate a gas plant for hire throughout the Hanford Site.
- 9 (5) This matter came before the Commission at its regularly scheduled meeting on June 14, 2012.
- 10 (6) After reviewing Cascade's application filed in Docket UG-120572 and giving due consideration, the Commission finds the Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Operate a Gas Plant for Hire presently held by Cascade Natural Gas Corporation should be further amended to include the additional are applied for herein.

**O R D E R**

**THE COMMISSION ORDERS:**

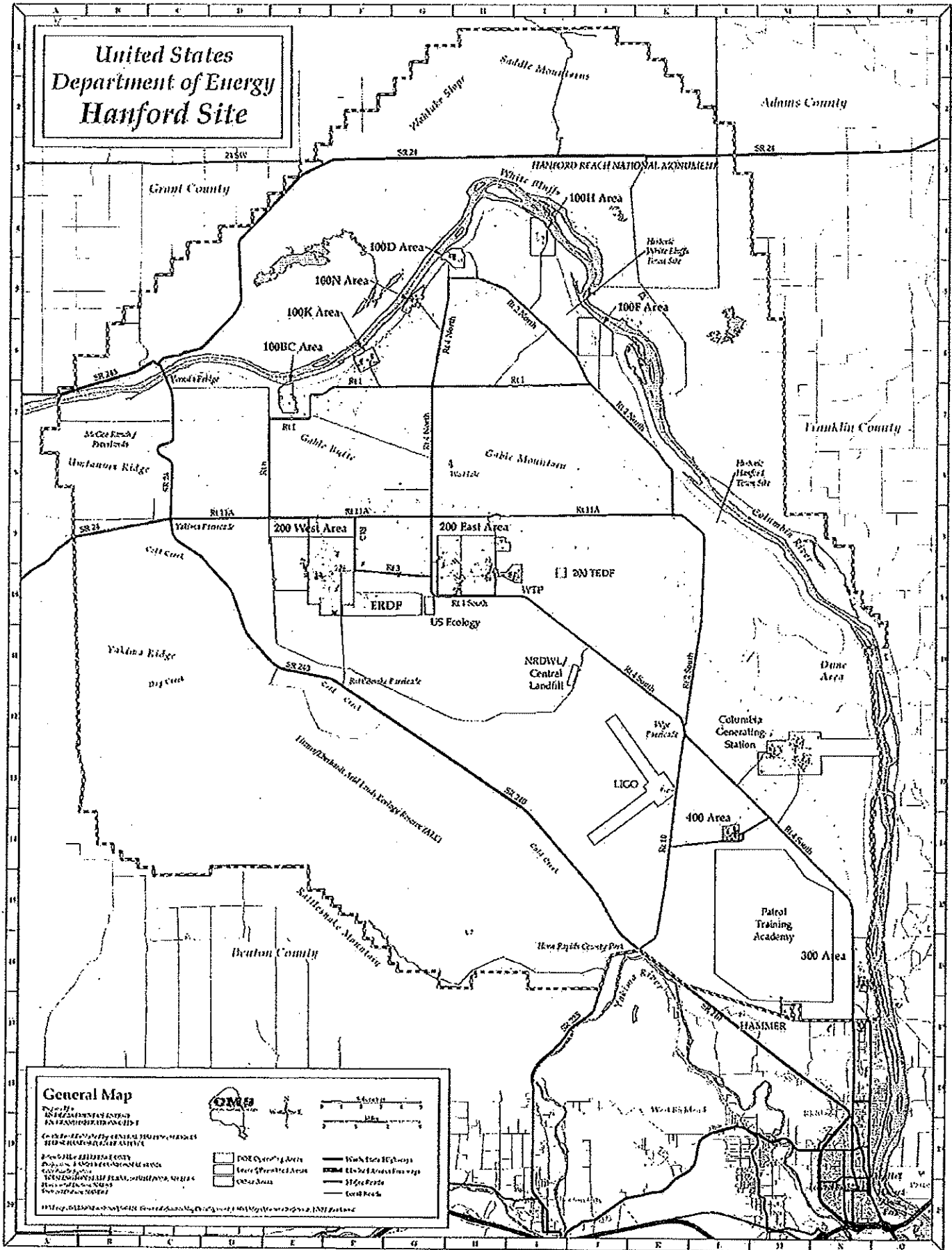
- 11 (1) Cascade Natural Gas Corporation is granted a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to operate a gas plant in the state, subject to the conditions set forth in the Company's previously granted Certificates noted in Docket UG-971267.
- 12 (2) The Commissioners, having determined this Order to be consistent with the public interest, directed the Secretary to enter this Order.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective June 14, 2012.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

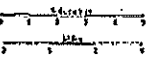
DAVID W. DANNER, Executive Director and Secretary

United States  
Department of Energy  
Hanford Site



General Map

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Richland Operations Office

10 CFR Part 160

Hanford Works

TRESPASSING ON DEPARTMENT PROPERTY

Notice is hereby given that the Department of Energy, pursuant to section 220 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, as implemented by 10 CFR Part 160 published in the FEDERAL REGISTER on August 16, 1963 (28 F.R. 8400), prohibits the unauthorized entry, as provided in 10 CFR 160.3, and the unauthorized introduction of weapons or dangerous materials, as provided in 10 CFR 160.4, into or upon the Hanford Works of the said property being a tract of land located in Adams, Grant, Benton, and Franklin Counties, WA, the aforesaid tract being more particularly described as follows:

Commencing at the point of intersection of the E.-W. centerline of sec. 14, T. 10 N., R. 28 E. Willamette Meridian, with the western navigation line of the Columbia River;

Thence northerly 200 feet along said line of navigation to the True point of beginning;

Thence W. to a point on the W. right-of-way line of George Washington Way, which line is the boundary of the City of Richland;

Thence southerly 100 feet or less, along said right-of-way line of George Washington Way to a point on the N. right-of-way line of Horn Rapids Road, an unplatted road;

Thence W. along N. right-of-way line of Horn Rapids Road approximately 1/2 mile to the E. right-of-way line of Stevens Drive, an unplatted road;

Thence S. along said E. right-of-way line to a point on the N. right-of-way line of Spengler Street, a platted street;

Thence W. 145 feet to the W. right-of-way line of Stevens Drive;

Thence S. to a point 30 feet N. of the S. line of sec. 27, T. 10 N., R. 28 E.W.M.;

Thence W. along a line 30 feet N. of, and parallel with, the S. line of sec. 27 to the E. line of the S.W.1/4 of the S.E.1/4 of said section;

Thence N. along the E. line of the S.W.1/4 of the S.E.1/4 of sec. 27 to the S.E. corner of the N.W.1/4 of the S.E.1/4 of said sec. 27;

Thence W. along the S. line of the N.W.1/4 of the S.E.1/4 to the W. line of the E.1/2 of sec. 27;

Thence N. along the W. line of the E.1/2 of sec. 27, and of the E.1/2 of sec. 22 and the E.1/2 of sec. 19<sup>15</sup> to the N. right-of-way line of Horn Rapids Road;

Thence westerly and northwesterly along the N. right-of-way line of Horn Rapids Road 26,000 feet more or less to the line's intersection with the N. right-of-way line of State Highway 240, in the N.E.1/4 of sec. 11, T. 10 N., R. 27 E.W.M.;

Thence northwesterly along said N. right-of-way line of the highway, 75 feet N. of and parallel with the centerline of said highway to a point in sec. 3, T. 10 N., R. 27 E.W.M., which point is on the eastward extension of the N. right-of-way line of a county road from Horn Rapids to Benton City;

Thence along the northerly and westerly right-of-way line of said road, 75 feet northerly and westerly of, and parallel with, the center line of said road to a point on the E. line of sec. 8, T. 10 N., R. 27 E.W.M.;

Thence N. to the E. quarter corner of said section;

Thence W. to the S.W. corner of the E.1/2 of the N.E.1/4 of sec. 12, T. 10 N., R. 26 E.W.M.;

Thence N. to the N. line of said sec. 12;

Thence W. to the N.E. corner of the N.W.1/4 of the N.W.1/4 of the N.W.1/4 of sec. 11, T. 10 N., R. 26 E.W.M.;

Thence S. 660 feet;

Thence W. 660 feet to the E. line of sec. 10, T. 10 N., R. 26 E.W.M.;

Thence S. to the E. quarter corner of said sec. 10;

Thence W. along the E.-W. center line of sec. 10 to the W. line of said section;

Thence N. along the W. section line to the S.E. corner of sec. 4, T. 10 N., R. 26 E.W.M.;

Thence W. along the S. line of sec. 4 and sec. 5 to the S.W. corner of the S.E.1/4 of the S.E.1/4 of sec. 5;

Thence N. to the S.E. corner of the N.W.1/4 of the S.E.1/4 of sec. 5;

Thence W. along the S. line of the N.W.1/4 of the S.E.1/4 to the S.W. corner of the N.W.1/4 of the S.E.1/4;

Thence N. to the S.E. corner of the N.1/2 of the N.W.1/4;

Thence W. along the S. line of the N.1/2 of the N.W.1/4 to the W. line of sec. 5;

Thence N. to the S.E. corner of sec. 31, T. 11 N., R. 26 E.W.M.;

Thence W. along the S. line of the E.1/2 of the S.E.1/4 of sec. 31 to the ~~W.~~ line of said E.1/2 of the S.E.1/4 of sec. 31;

Thence N. along the W. line of the E.1/2 of the S.E.1/4 to the S.E. corner of the S.W.1/4 of the N.E.1/4 of sec. 31;

Thence W. along the S. line of the S.W.1/4 of the N.E.1/4 to the S.W. corner of the S.W.1/4 of the N.E.1/4;

Thence N. along the W. line of the S.W.1/4 of the N.E.1/4 to the S.E. corner of the N.1/2 of the N.W.1/4 of said sec. 31;

Thence W. along the S. line of the N.1/2 of the N.W.1/4 to the W. line of said sec. 31;



Thence N. along the W. line of sec. 31 to the S.E. corner of sec. 25, T. 11 N., R. 25 E.W.M.;

Thence W. along the S. line of sec. 25 to the S.W. corner of the S.E.1/4 of the S.E.1/4 of said sec. 25;

Thence N. along the W. line of the S.E.1/4 of the S.E.1/4 to the S.E. corner of the N.W.1/4 of the S.E.1/4;

Thence W. along the S. line of the N.W.1/4 of the S.E.1/4 to the S.W. corner of the N.W.1/4 of the S.E.1/4;

Thence N. along the W. line of the N.W.1/4 of the S.E.1/4 to the S.E. corner of the N.W.1/4 of sec. 25;

Thence W. along the S. line of the N.W.1/4 of sec. 25 to the W. line of sec. 25;

Thence N. along the W. line of sec. 25 and the W. line of sec. 24 to the N. line of the S.1/2 of the S.1/2 of sec. 23;

Thence W. along the N. line of the S.1/2 of the S.1/2 of sec. 23 and the N. line of the S.1/2 of the S.1/2 of sec. 22 and the N. line of the S.1/2 of the S.1/2 of sec. 21 to the E. line of sec. 20;

Thence S. to the S.E. corner of sec. 20;

Thence W. along the S. line of sec. 20 and the S. line of sec. 19 to the S.E. corner of the S.W.1/4 of the S.W.1/4 of sec. 19;

Thence N. to the N.E. corner of the S.W.1/4 of the S.W.1/4 of sec. 19;

Thence W. to the W. line of sec. 19, all being in T. 11 N., R. 25 E.W.M.;

Thence continuing W. to the S.W. corner of the N.E.1/4 of the S.E.1/4 of sec. 24, T. 11 N., R. 24 E.W.M.;

Thence N. to the N.W. corner of said N.E.1/4 of the S.E.1/4 of sec. 24;

Thence W. to the S.W. corner of the S.E.1/4 of the N.W.1/4 of sec. 24;

Thence N. to the N.W. corner of said S.E.1/4 of the N.W.1/4 of sec. 24;

Thence W. to the W. line of sec. 24;

Thence N. to the N.W. corner of sec. 24;

Thence W. to the S.E. quarter corner of sec. 14;

Thence N. to the N. quarter corner of sec. 14;

Thence W. along the N. line of sec. 14 to the N.W. corner of sec. 14;

Thence N. along the W. line of sec. 11 and sec. 2 to the N.W. corner of sec. 2, all being in T. 11 N., R. 24 E.W.M., and continuing N. along the W. lines of secs. 35, 26, 23, 14, 11, and 2, all being in T. 12 N., R. 24 E.W.M.;

Thence continuing N. along the W. lines of secs. 35 and 26 in T. 13 N., R. 24 E.W.M., to the N.W. corner of sec. 26;

Thence W. along the S. line of sec. 22 to the S. quarter corner of sec. 22;

Thence N. along the N.S. centerline of sec. 22 to the N. quarter corner of sec. 22;

Thence W. along the S. line of sec. 15 to the S.W. corner of sec. 15;

Thence N. along the W. line of sec. 15 to the S.W. corner of the N.1/2 of the N.W.1/4 of sec. 15;

Thence E. along the S. line of the N.1/2 of the N.W.1/2 of sec. 15 to the S.W. corner of the S.W.1/4 of the N.E.1/4 of sec. 15;

Thence N. along the W. line of the S.W.1/4 of the N.E.1/4 of sec. 15 and continuing N. along the centerline of sec. 10 to the N. line of sec. 10;

Thence E. along the N. line of sec. 10 to the N.E. corner of sec. 10;

Thence N. along the W. line of sec. 2 to the N.W. corner of sec. 2;

Thence E. along the N. line of sec. 2 to the N.E. corner of sec. 2 all being in T. 13 N., R. 24 E.W.M.;

Thence N. along the W. line of sec. 36, T. 14 N., R. 24 E.W.M. to the N.W. corner of sec. 36;

Thence E. to the S. quarter corner of sec. 25;

Thence N. to the center of sec. 25;

Thence E. to the E. quarter corner of sec. 25 all being in T. 14 N., R. 24 E.W.M.;

Thence N. to the N.W. corner of sec. 30, T. 14 N., R. 25 E.W.M.;

Thence E. to the N. quarter corner of sec. 30;

Thence N. to the center of sec. 19;

Thence E. to the E. quarter corner of sec. 19;

Thence N. to the N.W. corner of sec. 20;

Thence E. to the N. quarter corner of sec. 20;

Thence N. to the center of sec. 17;

Thence E. to the E. quarter corner of sec. 17 and continuing E. to the center of sec. 16;

Thence N. to the N. quarter corner of sec. 16;

Thence E. to the N.E. corner of sec. 16 and continuing E. to the N. quarter corner of sec. 15;

Thence N. to the center of sec. 10;

Thence E. to the E. quarter corner of sec. 10;

Thence N. to the N.W. corner of sec. 11;

Thence E. to the N. quarter corner of sec. 11;

Thence N. to the center of sec. 2;

Thence E. to the E. quarter corner of sec. 2;

Thence N. to the N.W. corner of sec. 1;

Thence E. to the N. quarter corner of sec. 1, all being in T. 14 N., R. 25 E.W.M.;

Thence N. to the center of sec. 36;

Thence E. to the E. quarter corner of sec. 36, all being in T. 15 N., R. 25 E.W.M.;

Thence N. to the N.W. corner of sec. 31, T. 15 N., R. 26 E.W.M.;

Thence E. to the N. quarter corner of sec. 31;

Thence N. to the center of sec. 30;

Thence E. to the E. quarter corner of sec. 30 and continuing E. to the center of sec. 29;

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Thence N. to the N.W. corner of sec. 14;  
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N.E. corner of sec. 13, all being in T. 15 N., R. 26 E.W.M.;  
Thence continuing E. along the N. lines of secs. 18, 17, and 16 of  
T. 15 N., R. 27 E.W.M. to the N.E. corner of sec. 16;  
Thence S. to the W. quarter corner of sec. 15;  
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Thence S. to the S.E. corner of sec. 25, all being in T. 15 N., R.  
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Thence E. to the N. quarter corner of sec. 31, T. 15 N., R. 28  
E.W.M.;  
Thence S. to the S. quarter corner of sec. 31, all being in T. 15  
N., R. 28 E.W.M.;

Thence continuing S. to the center of sec. 6, T. 14 N., R. 28 E.W.M.;

Thence E. to the E. quarter corner of sec. 6;

Thence S. to the S.E. corner of sec. 6 and continuing S. along the E. lines of secs. 7 and 18 to the S.E. corner of sec. 18;

Thence E. to the N. quarter corner of sec. 20;

Thence S. to the S. quarter corner of sec. 20 and continuing S. to the S. quarter corner of sec. 29;

Thence E. to the S.E. corner of sec. 29;

Thence S. to the S.E. corner of sec. 32, all being in T. 14 N., R. 28 E.W.M.;

Thence continuing S. along the E. lines of secs. 5, 8, 17, 20, and 29 to the S.E. corner of sec. 29;

Thence E. to the N.E. corner of sec. 33 and continuing to the E. line of the W.1/2 of the W.1/2 of sec. 34;

Thence S. along the E. line of the W.1/2 of the W.1/2 of sec. 34 to the N. line of the S.1/2 of the S.W.1/4 of said sec. 34;

Thence E. to the N.E. corner of the S.1/2 of the S.W. quarter of sec. 34;

Thence S. to the S. quarter corner of sec. 34, all being in T. 13 N., R. 28 E.W.M.;

Thence E. along the N. line of sec. 3, T. 12 N., R. 28 E.W.M. to the N.E. corner of sec. 3;

Thence S. along the E. lines of secs. 3 and 10 to the W. quarter corner of sec 11;

Thence E. to the E. line of the W.1/2 of the W.1/2 of sec. 11;  
Thence S. along the E. line of the W.1/2 of the W.1/2 of sec. 11 to  
the S. line of sec. 11;  
Thence E. to the S. quarter corner of sec. 11;  
Thence S. to the S. line of the N.1/2 of the N.1/2 of sec. 14;  
Thence E. along the S. line of the N.1/2 of the N.1/2 of sec. 14 to  
the W. line of the E.1/2 of the N.E.1/4 of sec. 14;  
Thence S. along the W. line of the E.1/2 of the N.E.1/4 of sec. 14  
to the E.-W. centerline of sec. 14;  
Thence E. to the E. quarter corner of sec. 14;  
Thence S. to the S.E. corner of sec. 14;  
Thence continuing S. to the S. line of Tract 4 of Ringold Tracts  
according to the plat filed in the records of Franklin County, WA;  
Thence W. to the W. line of navigation of the Columbia River;  
Thence southerly along the said W. line of navigation to the point  
of beginning.

Also that island in the Columbia River described as Government lot  
5 of sec. 14 and Government lot 5 of sec. 23, T. 11 N., R. 28 E.W.M.;  
and also lot 2, block 629 according to the plat of Richland, as filed  
in the records of Benton County, WA.

Also beginning at the intersection with the U.P.R.R. in the S.W.1/4  
of the S.E.1/4 of sec. 30;

Thence in a northwesterly direction thru the N.1/2 of the S.W.1/4  
and the S.W.1/4 of the N.W.1/4, all in sec. 30, T. 9 N., R. 29 E.W.M.;

Thence a slight curve to the right within the S.E.1/4 of the N.E.1/4 and continuing northwesterly thru the N.E.1/4 of the N.E.1/4 and the N.W.1/4 of the N.E.1/4, all in sec. 25, T. 9 N., R. 28 E.W.M.;

Thence continuing northwesterly thru the W.1/2 of the S.E.1/4, and the N.E.1/4 of the S.W.1/4, and the S.E.1/4 of the N.W.1/4 to the S. bank of the Yakima River;

Thence crossing the Yakima River in the N.E.1/4 of the N.W.1/4 and making a left curve to the W. in the N.W.1/4 of the N.W.1/4, all in sec. 24;

Thence westerly in the S.W.1/4 of the S.W.1/4 in sec.13;

Thence continuing westerly thru the S.1/2 of the S.E.1/4;

Thence curving to the left in a southwesterly direction thru the S.1/2 of the S.W.1/4, all in sec. 14;

Thence curving to the right thru the N.W.1/4 of the N.W.1/4 in sec. 23;

Thence curving to the right in a northwesterly direction thru the N.E.1/4 of the N.E.1/4 in sec. 22;

Thence in a northwesterly direction thru the S.E.1/4 of the S.E.1/4, and the N.W.1/4 of the S.E.1/4, and the N.E.1/4 of the S.W.1/4, and the S.1/2 of the N.W.1/4 and the N.W.1/4 of the N.W.1/4, all in sec. 15;

Thence curving to the right in a northerly direction thru the N.E.1/4 of the N.E.1/4 of sec. 16;

Thence continuing northerly thru the E.1/2 of the E.1/2 of sec. 9;

Thence continuing northerly thru the E.1/2 of the S.E.1/4 of sec. 4;



Thence curving to the right in a northeasterly direction thru the N.W.1/4 of the S.W.1/4, and continuing on a curve to the right in a northeasterly direction thru the W.1/2 of the N.W.1/4 and the N.E.1/4 of the N.W.1/4, all in sec. 3, T. 9 N., R. 28 E.W.M.;

Thence continuing in a northeasterly direction thru the S.E.1/4 of the S.W.1/4 and the W.1/2 of the S.E.1/4, and the S.W.1/4 of the N.E.1/4 and the N.E.1/4 of the N.E.1/4 of sec. 34, T. 10 N., R. 28 E.W.M., and then entering the previously defined Hanford Site.

Excepting from the above-described land the N.1/2 of the N.W.1/4, and that portion of the N.W.1/4 of the N.E.1/4 in the jurisdiction of the Bonneville Power Administration in sec. 14, T. 13 N., R. 24 E.W.M.

Notices stating the pertinent prohibitions of 10 CFR 160.3 and 160.4 and penalties of 10 CFR 160.5 will be posted at all entrances of said tract and at intervals along its perimeter as provided in 10 CFR 160.6.

Dated at Washington, D.C. this day of \_\_\_\_\_ 1984.