

BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application of)	
NORTHWEST NATURAL GAS COMPANY for a)	
Certificate of Public Convenience)	CAUSE NO. U-9471
and Necessity to Operate a Gas Plant)	
for Hire in the general area or areas))	SECOND SUPPLEMENTAL
of Battle Ground and Ridgefield, in)	ORDER
Clark County, Washington.)	
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The Northwest Natural Gas Company presently holds Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Operate a Gas Plant for Hire, No. 1 amended, issued July 15, 1966, in Cause No. U-9686. It has been brought to the Commission's attention there appears to be the need for clarification with regards to a small horseshoe-shaped section of Clark County located south of Woodland in Cowlitz County.

It seems that a number of years ago when a new state highway was constructed just south of Woodland, the north fork of the Lewis River was routed to a new channel. As a result a small area of Clark County was separated from the main part of the county by the new river channel. In Cause No. U-9471, the Northwest Natural Gas Company applied for and was certificated for the north part of Clark County with the Lewis River as the boundary line. In delineating the area by metes and bounds it refers to the center line of the Lewis River as a boundary with no reference to the original or new channel. The map associated with the metes and bounds follows the original channel of the river and includes the horseshoe-shaped piece of Clark County in Northwest's certificated area.

This piece of land is isolated from Clark County by the river and would require a river or highway bridge crossing if Northwest attempted to serve the area. Cascade Natural Gas Corporation, which has been certificated for that part of Cowlitz County surrounding the area in question, is willing and able to provide gas service to that part of Clark County. Northwest has been contacted and has no objection to removing the area from its certificated areas and certifying it to Cascade.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Northwest Natural Gas Company, 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-9686, dated July 15, 1966.

3. Northwest Natural Gas Company has been certificated

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for the north part of Lewis County, Washington, with the Lewis River marking part of the boundary of its certificated area.

4. A section of the Lewis River has been rerouted to a new channel and there is a question whether the original or new channel should mark the boundary of the Northwest Natural Gas Company's certificated area in Clark County.

5. Northwest Natural Gas Company has no interest in serving that area of Clark County which was isolated from the main part of Clark County by the change in the river channel.

6. Northwest Natural Gas Company's gas certificate should be amended to definitely show that the present channel of the Lewis River is the boundary of its Clark County certificated area.

O R D E R

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED That the Northwest Natural Gas Company's Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Operate a Gas Plant for Hire in the north part of Clark County be amended to remove that part of Clark County in Section 19, T. 5 N., R. 1 E.W.M., and Section 24, T. 5 N., R. 1 W.W.M., which is west of the present channel of the Lewis River, the company's certificated area in the north part of Clark County is delineated as follows:

Beginning at the southeast corner of Sec. 24, T. 2 N., R. 3 E.W.M.; thence northerly along the east line of R. 3 N., to its intersection with the Lewis River; thence westerly and southwesterly along the Lewis River to its confluence with the Columbia River; thence southerly along the main channel of the Columbia River to its intersection with the south line of Sec. 12, T. 3 N., R. 1 W.; thence east along the south line of said Sec. 12, projected to the southeast corner of Sec. 12, T. 3 N., R. 2 E.; thence south along the west line of Sec. 18, T. 3 N., R. 3 E., projected to the southwest corner of Sec. 19, T. 2 N., R. 3 E.; thence east along the south line of said Sec. 19, projected to the southeast corner of Sec. 24, T. 2 N., R. 3 E., the point of beginning,

and as further shown on Appendix A-3 amended, 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 July 15, 1966, in Cause No. U-9686. Said Certificate of July 15, 1966, should be forthwith returned to this Commission.

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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, U-9411, U-9535, U-9686, and U-9471, including the First Supplemental Order in the latter Cause, 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 12th day of September, 1966.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

FRANCIS PEARSON, Chairman

PATRICK D. SUTHERLAND, Commissioner

DAYTON A. WITTEN, Commissioner