

BEFORE THE WASHINGTON PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application of)	
CASCADE NATURAL GAS CORPORATION))	
for a Certificate of Convenience and)	CAUSE NO. U-9194
Necessity to Operate a Gas Plant for)	
Hire in the general area or areas of)	ORDER AMENDING PRESENT
Richland, Washington)	CERTIFICATE
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The Cascade Natural Gas Corporation, a Washington corporation, filed with the Commission on February 17, 1960, an application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Operate a Gas Plant for Hire to encompass the incorporated area of the City of Richland and adjacent area in Benton County, Washington. The company presently holds Gas Certificate No. 4 amended, dated September 8, 1958, in Cause Nos. U-9055 and U-9047.

Cascade's present application includes the City of Richland and adjacent area north, west and south of the city. It does not include any of the area in the so-called "Project Area" of the Atomic Energy Commission. The requested Richland area is contiguous to the company's presently certificated areas for Pasco and Kennewick. Since filing its application Cascade has verbally requested that section 5, T. 9 N., R. 28 E. W. M., and section 32, T. 10 N., R. 28 E. W. M., be eliminated from the area it requested for certifications. As the company apparently has no immediate plans for providing gas service in the above two sections, their request should be granted.

The area encompassed in Cascade's present certificate application includes an area that the Columbia Basin Natural Gas Company, a non-regulated company, had filed for in a gas certificate application received on November 7, 1958. The latter company's application was ordered dismissed on March 25, 1960, in Cause No. U-9081, because of its failure to acknowledge Commission correspondence and to submit the necessary information required by the Commission to properly evaluate the application and because of the apparent lack of interest shown by Columbia in pursuing the matter.

The City of Richland has granted the Cascade Natural Gas Corporation a franchise to operate a natural gas system in that city. The company also has obtained a franchise from Benton County.

At the present time there are two areas in the city of Richland receiving propane gas service from two small and separate propane plants. Cascade already has or will acquire shortly such propane gas systems. Cascade plans to convert this propane gas service to natural gas service as soon as a supply of natural gas can be made available. It appears that the acquisition of the customers now being served by the propane gas systems as well as the prospects of obtaining commercial and other heating accounts render the company's proposal for supplying natural gas service in Richland economically feasible.

The Commission has full knowledge of Cascade's operations and finances and realizes the company has the ability to finance and economically operate a natural gas distribution system in the Richland area. Also, since the company presently supplies natural gas service in Pasco and Kennewick, it should be able

to operate the Tri-Cities area as a unit operation with comparable rates for gas service in the whole area.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Cascade Natural Gas Corporation, a Washington corporation, operates a gas plant for hire within this state and is subject to the jurisdiction of this Commission.

2. Cascade Natural Gas Corporation, has heretofore been issued Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Operate a Gas Plant for Hire No. 4 amended, in Cause Nos. U-9047 and U-9055, dated September 8, 1958.

3. Cascade Natural Gas Corporation made application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Operate a Gas Plant for Hire in the area or general areas of Richland, Washington.

4. Columbia Basin Natural Gas Company had filed on November 7, 1958, an application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Operate a Gas Plant for Hire in and adjacent to Richland. The Commission dismissed the application by Order in Cause No. U-9081.

5. Cascade Natural Gas Corporation's plans for supplying natural gas service in the Richland area appear to be economically feasible.

6. Cascade Natural Gas Corporation will have no difficulty in obtaining an adequate supply of natural gas.

7. Cascade Natural Gas Corporation has obtained a franchise from the City of Richland.

8. Cascade Natural Gas Corporation is presently certificated and operates a gas plant for hire in Pasco and Kennewick.

9. The operation of a gas plant for hire by Cascade Natural Gas Corporation in the Richland area is or will be required by the public convenience and necessity.

10. The Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Operate a Gas Plant for Hire presently held by the Cascade Natural Gas Corporation should be amended to include Richland and vicinity as requested, except section 5, T. 9 N., R. 28 E. W. M., and section 32, T. 10 N., R. 28 E. W. M., should not be included.

ORDER

1. It is Hereby Ordered That the application of the Cascade Natural Gas Corporation for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Operate a Gas Plant for Hire in the area or general areas of Richland, Washington, is approved and the company's present Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Operate a Gas Plant for Hire be amended to encompass additional area as follows:

All of the incorporated area comprising the City of Richland and additional portions of Benton County adjacent thereto lying within the areas described as follows:

Beginning at the southeast corner of Section 13, T. 8 N., R. 28 E, thence in a northwesterly direction to the northwest corner of Section 20, T. 9 N, R. 28 E, thence north to the northwest corner of Section 8, T. 9 N, R. 28 E, thence east to the northeast corner of said Section 8, thence north to the southeast corner of Section 29, T. 10 N, R. 28 E, thence west to the southwest corner of said Section 29, thence north to the northwest corner of Section 17, T. 10 N, R. 28 E, thence east to the center line of the Columbia River, thence southeasterly along the center line of the Columbia River to a point where said center line intersects the north line of Section 29, T. 9 N, R. 29 E, thence west to the northeast corner of Section 25, T. 9 N, R. 29 E, thence south to the point of beginning.

As further shown on Appendix A-14 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. 4, as amended and issued to Cascade Natural Gas Corporation on September 8, 1958, in Cause Nos. U-9055, and U-9047. Said Certificate of September 8, 1958, 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 order in Cause Nos. U-9055 and U-9047, pursuant to which the Cascade Natural Gas Corporation was granted its present Certificate.

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

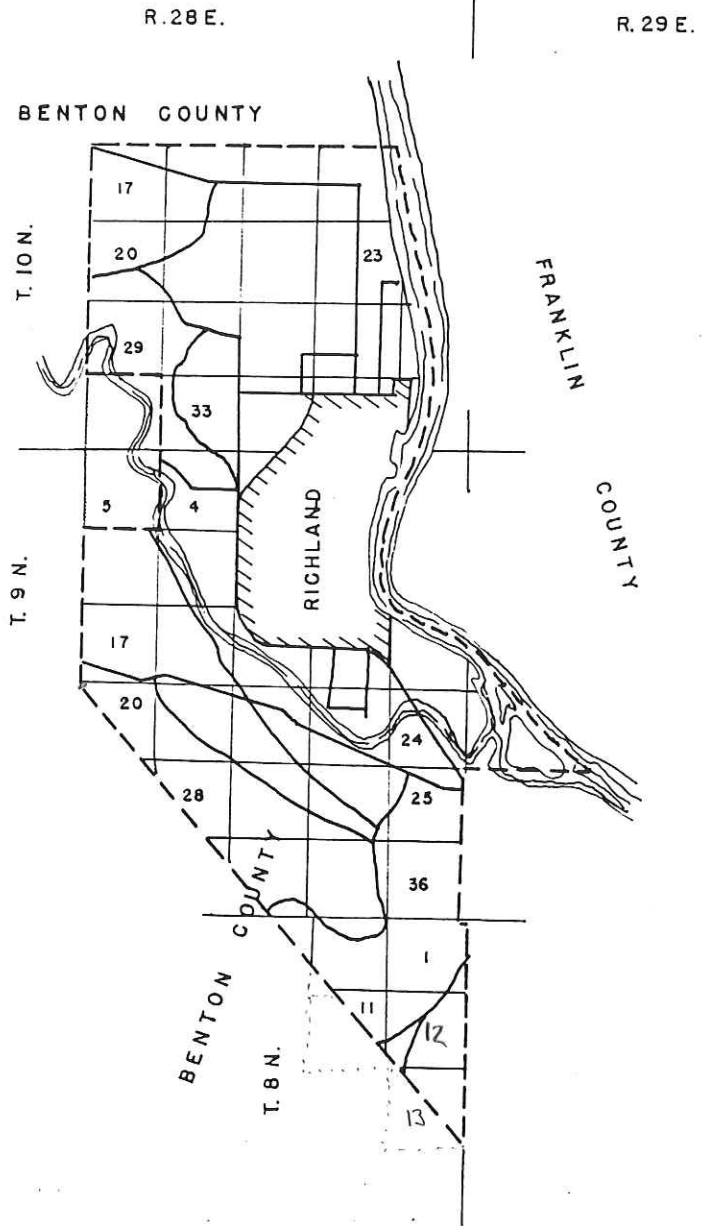
DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective this 14th day of April, 1960.

WASHINGTON PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Francis Pearson
 FRANCIS PEARSON, Chairman

Patrick D. Sutherland
 PATRICK D. SUTHERLAND, Commissioner

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APPENDIX A-14
 CAUSE NO. U-9194

CASCADE NATURAL GAS CORPORATION

BOUNDARY OF SERVICE AREA - - - -
 RICHLAND & VICINITY - BENTON COUNTY

WASHINGTON PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
 MAR. 25, 1960 SCALE: 1" = 2 MI.
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